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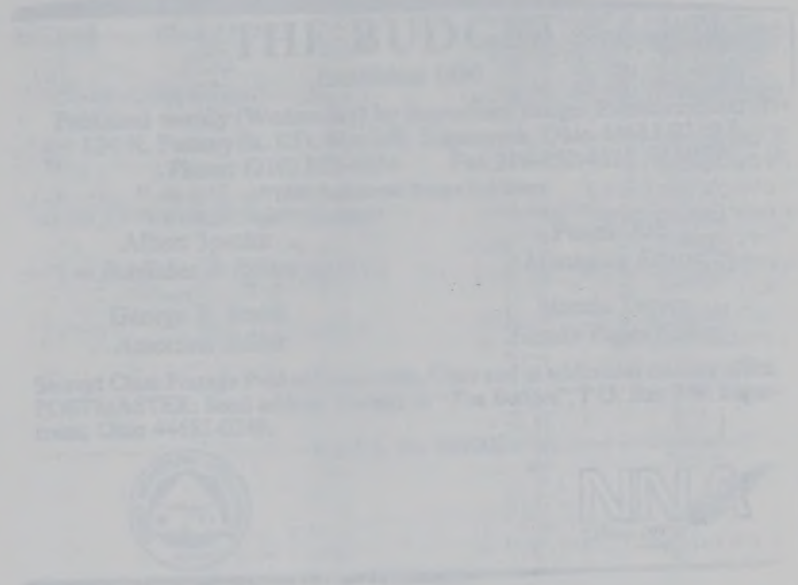
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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

Dec. 28--Every tourist season here in Pinecraft there are quite a few people who are missing. Some because of infirmities or advanced years, and the greater number because of death. In the close of each year Pastor Amos Horst of the Tourist Mennonite Church mentions about the many who have passed on in that year. It seems this past year, 1989, the number of deaths was even greater than other years.

I have prepared a list of those that come to mind, realizing some have been overlooked or that we did not find out about them. All but just a few have been coming regularly. I will give the names and their locations as accurately as possible. To all of you who have lost loved ones this past year, we dedicate this letter.

The first death came to John L. Yoder on the first day of January 1989. He was 97. A few others were just as old.

John L. Yoder, Loogootee, Ind.; John Henry Wagler, Montgomery, Ind.; Alvin Raber, Hartville, Ohio; Dan Glick, Topeka, Ind.; Joe Graber, Arthur, Ill.; Mrs. Eli (Mary) Mullet, Pinecraft, Fla.; Crist (Barney) Yoder, Shipshewana, Ind.; Henry Yoder, Pinecraft, Fla.; Andrew Jantzi, Pinecraft, Fla.; John Schlabach, Mt. Hope, Ohio; Mrs. Mahlon (Gertie) Miller, Pinecraft, Fla.; Dan C. Schlabach, Hartville, Ohio; Mrs. Noah Zehr, Goshen, Ind.; Christ (Sparky) Miller, Middlebury, Ind.; Barbara Mast, Kalona, Ind.; John Weaver, Pinecraft, Fla.; Mose Schrock, Nappanee, Ind.; Mrs. Mose Beachy, Belleville, Pa.; Jake Miller, Goshen, Ind.; Walter Dussinger, Pinecraft, Fla.; Amos Kipfer, Pinecraft, Fla.; Isaac Stoltzfus, Morgantown, Pa.; Isaiah Stoltzfus, Gordonville, Pa.; Phares Horst, Hagerstown, Md.; Leroy Martin, Hagerstown, Md.; Claude Webb, Pinecraft, Fla.; Leroy Wentling, Lititz, Pa.; Mike S. Miller, Millersburg, Ohio; Eli Overholt, Centreville, Mi.; Isaac Zook, Dundee, Ohio; Daniel A. Lapp, Gordonville, Pa.

Noah Gingerich

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Dec. 25--Seems like the talk of the weather is "cold". A low of 27° this morning and much shrubbery has lost its life. A beautiful Christmas day and temperature reading of 58°.

Mrs. Fannie Miller (Noah) is on the mend, slow, but sure. She can do more walking now with the aid of a cane.

Mrs. Laura Mast is a patient in the hospital at the present time, having a heart attack.

Miss Fannie Yoder has gone to Blountstown with her bro. Henry and wife for the holiday.

Min. Henry Yoder of Sunnyside Cong. has been battling with high blood pressure. He says it's better under control now. He had devotions this morning at Tourist Church and Min. Jake Weaver shared the Christmas story.

Ervin Stutzmans, Ks., but now of Haiti, will be around here till Jan. 9th, as they can only be in Haiti for a certain length of time, then need to come back to the states. Understand it's concerning their passports. Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Dec. 26--Forty-four degrees this morn. and had some rain again last night.

Florida is called the sunshine state, but last week was quite different. Sat. night we had a low of 28 and very windy, and we had snow on Sunday morn. When we came to church there was still snow on the roofs.

We had frost 2 different mornings. A lot of flowers & shrubs are frozen, citrus growers suffered heavy losses. A clear sky right now and we hope the worst is over. The way we heard up in our home area they had 30 below zero in some places.

Church house was not full on Sun. Opening by Pre. Levi D. Miller. Scripture read by Dea. Mel Schmucher from Ind. and main part by Pre. Joe Beachy from Ohio.

Bish. Eli Burkholders are still in Oklahoma visiting some of their children.

Our visitors last week were Alvin J. Kline, Robert R. Coblentz and family, Abe E. Millers, Pre. Levi D. Miller, Ervin E. Yoder, all from Ohio and the Pinecraft Poet, Noah Gingerich. Noah and his wife took their dau. Martha down to Miami this morn. where she will fly over to Belize to visit her sister Pauline, who is teaching school there. Pauline was one of my vocational students back in 1972 at Gerber Valley. I think she is well qualified to teach school. Noah's son Luke & family are also down here at present.

Yesterday morn. we visited Eli A. Schrock on Schrock Street. His wife died a few years ago. She was Mary, dau. of John M. Hershbergers and one of my former neighbors when I was still a boy. Eli lives by himself in a large house and his house was all spick & span. A few of his daughters are living down here and help him when needed. He enjoys company.

My wife's sister, Mrs. Lizziean Yoder, was a dinner guest at the writer's place on Christmas Day. In the p.m. we were invited down to Mrs. Katie Mast on Kaufman St. Her 4 sons and families were all there for Christmas, also Eli B. Miller, formerly from our area.

We made a short call at Abraham Knepps' yesterday p.m. They live on Gardenia St. Other callers there were Andy Kinsingers, Linus Gingerichs and Andy's son and dau. Andys are from Pa. and Linuses are from Kalona, Iowa and are long-time Pinecraft tourists.

Quite a few loads traveling from the north were stranded on Sat. night on account of icy roads and had to find refuge in motels and any place where there was room. Some said they could only make 15 miles per hour for a long way. The Indiana bus came in way late on Sat. night.

Elmer Borntrager and wife from Ind. are living in the upstairs of the Amish church house again and are the ushers again at the church and are doing a good job.

Thought: "Many Christians are doing nothing, but no Christians have nothing to do!"
Atlee J. Miller

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Dec. 25--Extra, extra, read all about it. Believe it or not, it actually snowed in Pinecraft, Fla. on Sat. night. Some reported scraping enough snow off their car to make a snowball. And on Christmas morn. it was white with frost. Temp. ranged from the lower 20s to lower 30s. Most of the outdoor plants got cooked and quite a few reported frozen water pipes.

The Pioneer Bus load that came on Thur. had a cold welcome. The Green Country Tour Bus came Sat. night at 1:00 and reported lots of icy roads.

Edward Petersheims and daug. of Ill. arrived on Sat. in the parental Sam Petersheim home.

Sun. dinner guests in the Morris Miller home were his sis. Gloria Miller of California, Lewis and Mattie Miller.

Dinner guests of Edna Yoder on Christmas Day were Andy Helmuths of Iowa, Mrs. Katie Schlabach, Ellen Nissley, Lina Yoder, Dave, Christina, Lydia, Mary, Ellen, Lewis and Mattie Miller. These were all former Iowans.

On Thur. Jacob Helmuths and Ellen Nissley plan to leave for Va. to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Edgar Helmuths.

Mattie L. Miller

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

Dec. 21--Church attendance Sunday was 373 and 346 a year ago. James Mullet and Paul Kurtz brought the messages. Our monthly hymnsing was well attended in the evening.

Monday Sunnyside had a carry-in lunch for those that did not have family gatherings and attendance was 40. A church carry-in is planned for all next Sun., Dec. 31. The Overholt reunion is scheduled for this Thurs., Dec. 28.

Yes, we saw the snow fly. There was none on the ground but some scraped off plants and other objects to have snowflakes reserved in the freezers to accommodate the newcomers. We had a 5-gal bucket outside with water and ½ in. ice was on top Sun. morn., temp. 32°. The shrubs and papayas look very sick, although they were covered with cloth material. It is more pleasant for an old man to sit inside and write The Budget letter at 45° outside.

Pinecraft is swarming again, not with bees, but bicycles, tricycles and unicycles and many more on foot in their winter hoods and pullovers.

The cold forced more heaters and lights to be used and caused an electric shortage and blackouts in the forenoons the first 3 days of the cold weather.

Mose and Mary

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Dec. 22--Sun. Atlee Miller had opening, Mose Coblenz scripture, Levi Miller, the main sermon.

Min. Joe Beachys came this week.

Bish. Eli Burkholders will leave for Chouteau, Okla. to be gone 2 weeks.

Son Enos and Emma are here for the winter. He works in Sugar & Spice Restaurant as cashier, but left for Topeka, Ind. for Christmas. Also Jim Swartzentruber is here this winter. He works in Dutch Oven restaurant as waiter. He also went to Goshen, Ind. for Christmas. He's living in my trailer and he's my grandson.

Mattie (my dau.), Mrs. Abe Garver, Plain City, Ohio is here for a week. Also Andrew Chupp and Dena (my dau.) will be here over Christmas. They are in Mexico in mission work.

On Dec. 27th we're invited to Noah Yutzy's for a surprise supper, Noah's 70th birthday. Enoses and Tim intend to be back for that.

Donavan Zooks came today. Roxanne is my granddaughter. They have 3 children, they moved from Oregon to Atmore, Ala. a year ago and work under "We Care" program.

Naomi Swartzentruber went to sister Carol in D.C., then they'll go to Topeka, Ind. where the whole family will be over Christmas.

Sam Petersheim is out of the hospital and doing good.

Sol Yoders from Montezuma, Ga. are back for the winter.

Andy Kinsingers of Gordonville, Pa. are here for the winter.

Elmer Troyer is back from his trip to Clarita, Okla. He lives in my West room. Rentals are very much taken up in Pinecraft.

Menno Swartzentruber

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Jan. 2--We enjoyed a few days of beautiful sunny weather, with temp. up to 80°. It cooled off again, was 45° this morning.

Some of the Joe Beachy clan of Ohio enjoyed the holidays here with their son and bro. the Ruben Beachy family. On Christmas day they all (40) gathered at Sugar & Spice for an elaborate meal, which was prepared and served by Crystal Ross, Joyce and Meriam Graber and Tim O'Conner.

Mrs. Alvin (Clara) Yoder has been laid up for 3 weeks with a blood clot in her leg and she and her husband both have the flu.

There is lots of flu and colds going around.

Visitors with us the past week were Gloria Miller of Calif. and Elsa Schlabach of Ind.

Giving us a welcome visit yest. were my cousin the Norman Miller family of Ind.

Among those coming on Thurs. from Oh. were Sam Millers and Mrs. Roy Schlabach, with Andy Bontragers as driver.

Levi Yoder and Mrs. Dan Stutzman were among others that left on Sat. for Oh. to attend a funeral.

Jacob Helmuths and Ellen Nissley did not go to Va. as they had intended.

The Gospel Express team gave a program on Sun. evening at the Pinecraft park. Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Jan. 1--Would you believe snow in sunny Fla. Didn't last long, but some fruit is frozen. Our temps. have been in the high 70's last week.

The Green Country Tour bus arrived on Sat., Dec. 23rd. Hostess for the tour was Ada Miller. Will be leaving for their home in Ind. Jan. 2nd.

Dec. 24th, Mrs. Steve Keim, Jr. Keims and family and Jonie Keim arrived. Jrs. and Jonie have a 2-week vacation. Mrs. Steve Ella Keim will stay for winter if her health permits.

Christmas dinner guests at Katie Weirich's were Lorene Shenk, Barbara Yoder, Ruth Smucker, Lena Miller, Ella and Alma Keim.

Larry Weavers of Orlando, the Keims from Ohio and Jake Weavers of here were all dinner guests at Johnny Keims'. P.M. and evening visitors there were Ella Keim and Ella Troyer.

Viola Yoder presented her husband Richard with a plane ticket to Ind. for his

birthday to visit his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Yoder, who is in the hospital recovering from a broken hip. He is planning on returning tonight. The plane couldn't land right away because of ice in Ind.

Mrs. Laura Mast is in the hospital due to a heart attack.

Mary Ellen Horst of Texas and Norman Horsts and family of Md. were here to help their folks Amos and Mary Horst celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27th.

Mrs. Roman Schlabach remains the same. Is at home in a hospital bed, being cared for by the family.

Mrs. Edna Golden of Lima, Ohio spent 3 weeks here visiting sons and daughter and their families. She visited the writer one afternoon.

Married sewing group had potluck dinner and gift exchange at the Amish church kitchen today. Widows will have their monthly dinner there on Sat., the 6th.

Mrs. E. Troyer

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

Jan. 2--The last Sunday of 1989 brought a record attendance of 440 at Sunnyside Church. Preaching by Ivan Schrock and Joel Wagler in the morning. The numbers were partially due to the Overholt reunion held Thursday and the Christmas holidays bringing many children from the cold north.

Approximately 90% of the attendance stayed for a carry-in lunch Sunday. No services in the evening, leaving room to spend the evening with families and friends and other church services.

Temperatures have moderated, but this morning the north wind is blowing again, but no frost predicted.

Some changes have been made for the Dade City Mission Church. The David Sommers family are to move up, and the David Grabers to follow after this school term is over.

The Southernmost Mennonite Outreach at Homestead, Fla. managed by Ludlow Walker, is welcoming increasing membership. Mose & Mary

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Jan. 1--Had cool weather yet till Saturday it warmed up, was 70 in p.m. and yesterday it was 80 in the afternoon.

A full house at the Amish Church yesterday. Opening by Pre. Joe Beachy, scripture read by Pre. Enos L. Miller of Hartville and main sermon by the writer. A singing at the church in the eve.

Recent tourists from Ohio that came here last week were Pre. Jonas D. Yoders, Lloyd E. Millers, Sam L. Hershberger, Aden J. Rabers, Mrs. John A. Raber, Sam and Roman P. Schrock, Pre. Ivan Schrocks, Jerry Schlabachs, Wayne Wengerts, Melvin H. Rabers, Pre. Enos L. Millers, Raymond Millers and probably some more.

Joni Yoders, Bish. Ivan Schrocks, Roman Schrock and Sam P. Schrock enjoyed a New Year's sauerkraut supper in Sam Schrock's house on Bimini St.

Recent callers at our house were Mrs. Katie Mast, Ralph Millers and 2 sons from Faith Mission Home (Ralph was one of my vocational students at Gerber Valley), Dave Hershbergers, 3 girls from Indiana, Nettie Bontrager, Martha Sue Yoder and Elsie Raber.

Sunday dinner guests at Raymond E. Millers' were Pre. Levi D. Miller, Mrs. Lizzian Yoder, Mrs. Katie Mast, Mrs. Maryann Weaver, Lloyd Millers and the writer and wife.

Crist A. Millers left on Saturday to attend the funeral of Pre. Menno S. Beachy which was held today in the Sugarcreek, Ohio area.

Bish. Sam Petersheim, who had been a patient at the hospital a few weeks ago, does not seem to be improving very fast. He is our neighbor. Atlee E. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

Jan. 3--The other week I wanted to talk to an old person, but couldn't find one so I stopped Henry B. Yoder who was on his way to the park on his 3-wheeled bike and talked to him. Even though Henry is a 1896 model, that really doesn't say anything other than he is 93 years young. Henry, and my wife's mother, Mrs. Anna Hostetler, grew up together in Plain City, Ohio. Thanksgiving day in 1920 he and Esther Beachy were married and lived there most of their married life. They also lived in Kokomo, Indiana for some time. They together were blessed with 11 children. Esther passed away Nov. 17, 1977.

The 120th trip for the Pioneer Trails to Pinecraft came on Dec. 21, 1989 with 45 passengers and a "belly" full of luggage. In fact, the compartments below were filled to capacity. I still say Pioneer Trails, which is in its 6th year, is doing much by way of service on their weekly trips in the tourist season here in Sarasota. Another service they offer is, if you want to send packages with them they'll gladly take them for \$5 per parcel. This could change, though, because the boxes are beginning to get larger. Why not be fair and do our part in keeping them in business. We sent 2 boxes of grapefruit up north before Christmas and were glad for this service. Clyde Sundheimer, who is part-owner and one of the drivers, has a personality that could make even the most moody passenger enjoy the trip. So in 1990, why not "Ride with Clyde".

If you haven't read it in any of the other Florida letters, be it known unto you that it did snow in Pinecraft. We saw it and we also heard about it. But what we heard sounded like a purebred Pinecraft rumor. It was reported that someone shoveled snow here. I guess it was the truth, though, but they used a spoon for their shovel. And while we had a few flurries, northern Florida had ice and lots of it; so much that many of the interstate highways were closed at times. Those coming from the north, had many stories to tell. Cars, vans and trucks in ditches, some on their sides, some upside down and if the traffic did move it was from 10 to 15 miles per hour.

Our son Luke and family from Traverse City, Mich. arrived at our place on Sat., the 23rd after 34 hours of driving. It took them 12 hours from the Florida line (on I-75) to our place. Our daughter Martha came a little earlier with a young couple from Lancaster, Pa. They traveled the eastern route of I-95 and at Jacksonville they were detoured because of ice. The report from there was the same as I-75.

As can be expected Florida has no equipment ready for such, almost unheard of, times. I guess the state of Georgia has some equipment though. My cousin Vernon Miller and family from northern Indiana were also traveling here during that time. In southern Georgia they caught up with a salt truck. The truck's spreaders were two colored boys throwing out salt by hand.

This afternoon I became heir to almost a full pan of corn bread. It all started when I went to visit Sam Petersheim who is slowly recovering from pneumonia and prostate surgery. While I was there his wife went to the post office to get the mail. When I questioned Sam about his appetite he said it was about gone and nothing tastes good any more. When Mrs. Petersheim got back I told her she should try and cook a little better for him. She then said she had baked some corn bread last evening and he ate very little of it. No more had the words; "I don't know what to do with the rest of it", fell from her lips that I offered my help in the situation.

Jonas J. Miller (Sue Jonas) Miller had bladder stone and prostate surgery today. He hasn't been feeling well since arriving sometime in November. We hope this work at the hospital will improve his health.

Jan. 4 - Hip, hip-hurray, The Budgets came today! Another service of Pioneer Trails; and now Troyers will not only have fresh produce, but will also have fresh Budgets as well. The bus had a full load of passengers.

Our daughter Martha has been visiting with her sister Pauline in Belize since the day after Christmas. She is scheduled to arrive at the Miami airport at noon tomorrow. Then in 6 hours she'll be flying to Philadelphia, Pa. She is teaching in Linville Hill School, south of Kinzers, Pa.

George Smith's letter in the Editor's Corner of last week's (Jan. 3) Budget was very appropriate. If you haven't read it, be sure and do so. If you have ever wondered how this little Sugarcreek Newspaper which had such a humble beginning could grow to what it is today, the answer is in that column. To your letter George, I say; "Happy Birthday" and "Happy hanging in there"!

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson S. Miller from Sugarcreek, Oh. and 3530 Birky St. here, left on Dec. 26 for their Sugarcreek home to spend a belated Christmas with their family for a week. The other day he called back from a hospital up there and said he has walking pneumonia. It makes me wonder if there wasn't something the matter with him here, to choose to walk right into the deepfreeze up north.

Noah Gingerich

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

Waynesboro, Va.

Jan. 8--We left Fla. Dec. 28. We had snow there for the first time in a long time. It was pretty cold for there, enough to freeze on the bridges.

My Bro. Henry and wife came there from Sarasota just when it started. Then we decided to go to a program at Berean Church in Tallahassee. It was snowing more when we got to the long bridge just east of Blountstown. It is 1.7 miles long. It was already freezing on the bridge. There was an accident on the bridge and it took ½ hour till we got across. We were late when we arrived at the church but got in on the last part of it.

We decided to come home on I-10 instead of 20. It was a little farther but we would miss the bridge. We saw at least 15 accidents before we got home.

We had no trouble ourselves, but saw others that did. They closed the road to all traffic that night.

We came here for the sake of my wife's parents. Her mother is quite feeble and takes a lot of care. Her father is also not well. He is up and around but stays inside. They are Perry E. Showalters of Waynesboro.

We don't know how long we will stay here, but it will be for another week at least.

Edward Yoder

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

Jan. 8--Attendance at Sunnyside church was 242 Sun. and a year ago 240. Preaching in the morning by Daniel Miller and David King of Buffalo Valley, Pa. and in the evening Elmer Gingerich and Lester Gingerich.

Elmer and Fannie came from Hartsville, Oh. and were to our house for Sun. lunch. Elmer is a blood bro. to the Noah that can write such lengthy letters. Fannie had not been too well but is on the road to recovery. They own the home that Chester B. Millers used to have.

The freeze that we had, damaged the citrus and many semi loads are going to the juicery. If picked a few days after the freeze the juice will be OK. But if longer they ferment on the tree and drop. Fannie hated to see so much go to waste and indulged in eating what she could, and it cause rheumatic pains in her lower limbs. Many people dare not eat much citrus fruit on that account.

The hickory leaves are falling so fast I get up and go out about 6:30 in the morning to rake and haul leaves and at 6:30 in the evening am still at it. But I take off about 9 hours in between to rest up, eat, and attend the "board" meetings if weather permits.

There are not many flowers in bloom due to the freeze. We did save some of our papaya trees and want to put in some seeds now to start more.

Many, many newcomer tourists and it is a great pleasure for us to meet you all. So many say they wanted to be sure and meet me. But don't say if they are disappointed or surprised. Some say if it was not for my Fla. news they would not consider a subscription to *The Budget*.

Oh! By the way, do not forget the scribe reunion Feb. 10, 1990.

Abner Overholt from Ky. had a heart attack and is still in intensive care. He is a bro. of Mary's first husband, John.

Mose & Mary

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Jan. 7--The writer has been "mothering" a siege of bad sinus congestion and also a touch of the flu, which is taking its toll among some people.

Our landlord, Noah J. Miller, got orders from the doctor to stay off of his feet more, and keep his right leg elevated, fearing a blood clot. His wife, Fannie, is getting around better.

Levi Yoder is slowly recovering from a bad sciatic nerve problem, of which he was to lay flat on his back for a period of 2 weeks, which is now about up. He is being missed by not being able to come to his restaurant every day. Their son Harolds of Ind. are here yet.

Richard Yoder has returned home from being in Ind. over the holidays, spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Alvin Yoder.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Jan. 8--We are having normal Fla. weather now, usually in the 60s in the morning and 80° in p.m.

Pinecraft is really filling up. You northern tourists better check a little ahead or wind up in a motel or hotel. Pioneer Trails bus came in last week with a full load but not full when they left again Fri. evening.

An overflowing crowd at the Amish church yest. Opening by Pre. Joe Coblentz. Scripture read by Pre. Levi Miller and main part by Pre. Enos L. Miller.

Some tourists last week were Pre. Jonas D. Yoders, Pre. Mose C. Wengergers, Pre. Menno Coblentzes, Henry Troyers, Greenhouse Atlee Rabers, Mrs. Joe Frey, Mrs. John (Katie) Troyer, Dan A. Hochstetlers, Lester Hochstetlers, Monroe Yoders, Mrs. Katie Schlabach, Aden Keims, Alvin J. Klines, Albert Yoders, Tobie Petersheims, Emanuel Millers and Joni Millers from Oakland, Md.

Our visitors this last week were Lester

and Ruby Byler, Junior A. Keims, Mrs. Steve (Ella) Keim, Mrs. Roy (Katie) Schlabach, Aden Keims, Alvin J. Klines, Albert Yoders, Tobie Petersheims, Emanuel Millers and Joni Millers from Oakland, Md.

Our neighbor, Bish. Sam Petersheim is improving from his recent illness and out on his bicycle again slowly taking his exercises.

Joni Millers are staying in Sam Schrock's house and keeping house for Sam and his bro. Roman, both widowers.

Jacob Freeds from Pa. came down here 2 weeks ago. They own a house on Gilbert St.

Thought: The four sweetest words of the English language are heaven, home, love and mother. Atlee E. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA**Birky Street**

Jan. 10--The next person who is in the four-score and ten category we wish to write about this time comes quite easily. We lived in the same community of Hartville, worked with him on the muck one summer when I, a teenager and he a married man, worked together at the F. E. Schumacher Co. for most of our lives. Went to the same church for a time. When my wife and I were married it was at their house. When we started to come to Florida ten years ago he and his wife had been coming before we did and now the last 3 years both have a Birky Street address. This may seem like a long way around to introduce my good friend, Noah E. Beachy, but what I've said only scratches the surface. Noah, who turned 90 last Sept. 3, just arrived from the North on Saturday. His son Eli and wife Martha brought him to spend another winter or part of it at least. His infirmities are a failing memory and poor eyesight.

Noah, the eldest son of Eli N. and Katie (Miller) Beachy, moved with his parents to Bay Minette, Alabama in 1906 when he was 7 years old. This is one of the settlements that failed and in 1919 the family moved again and this time to Hartville, Ohio. On July 19, 1922 he married a Lydia Ann Miller who died July 7, 1982. Together they had 10 sons and 4 daughters. All are still living except 2 sons. I have always appreciated this family and I know each one of them personally and can name them all.

Noah worked at Schumachers' for 50 years. He was good at operating wood-working machinery. I remember him as a man that was not easily frustrated. When a molder or mortiser broke down he would whistle as he went to repair it. I don't believe I ever saw him disgruntled or angry. Always kind and pleasant to be around. Yes, he is growing old gracefully.

A trip to Orlando on Mon. morn. gave me a good view of the after-effects of the freeze just before Christmas. There are entire groves that not a green leaf is left on the trees. In some places the oranges that fell from the trees lay so thick that it was almost a solid mass. Since that freeze we have been to Miami, Fort Myers and Arcadia and saw a lot of vegetables and tender tropical plants and shrubs that are brown and drab. But the mature citrus trees in these areas remain green.

We want to remind you again of the (FBSB) Florida Budget Scribe Breakfast on Saturday morning, Feb. 10th at Be Ment's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

A Budget reader wrote to me quite some time ago and asked if I knew anything about the life and passing of a man by the name of Elmer (Piney) Stutzman. I must say I never heard of him, but in the descendants of Barbara Hochstetler and Christian Stutzman book there is an Elmer P. Stutzman listed and this could very well be the one. The writer claims he is an ancestor of hers and thinks he died in 1950. Surely there is someone out there who would be able to supply some information. If so, please write to me and I will pass this on to the inquirer. My zip code is 34237.

On Jan. 3, three van loads of people (that I know of) went to the Arcadia Livestock Auction which is 50 miles east of here. Due to New Year's Day being just 2 days prior, there was no auction. The same thing happened a few years back when two fellows and myself went there around the holidays in my van. The smarter of the 3 suggested on the way home if someone asks about the sale they need not know that there wasn't any. Everything fell in place when the time came. The first and only one to ask; "Well, how was the Arcadia sale today"? got this answer: "Well, I don't think it's as big as it used to be". The answer was satisfactory and no more questions were asked.

If you read elsewhere in a Florida piece that Noah Gingerich is patrolling the streets and alleys of Pinecraft looking for Budget news, don't be too sure. He may be on his way to pick up a widow's mail, or on the way to Troyer's Market to buy a Budget or maybe to Yoders for some much needed "break" fluid.

Two Budget scribes stopped in at the house between the holidays that have not been given proper recognition. Clifford Yoder from Meigs, Georgia visited me one morning and he is more than just a scribe friend. A friendship that began a good many years ago when he came to Ohio from Virginia. In Hartville he married Mary, the oldest daughter of Levi L. and Alma Miller. He was ordained in our church to minister to a church in Hillsdale, Michigan. They later moved to Oregon and after serving there for some years moved back east and are presently in the ministry at Meigs, Ga.

Then John and Ruth Hershberger from Jesup, Ga., gave us a nice visit one evening. Ruth is my first cousin. She, too, was born in Hartville, but spent most of her life in the Virginia Beach, Va. area. She is the second daughter of Henry (deceased) and Amanda (Stutzman) Overholt. I always read the above two letters and do enjoy them.

Seen on a bumper sticker: "I'm so poor, I can't even pay attention."

Noah Gingerich

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Jan. 16--Had a few cool mornings again, but nice and sunny and in the 70s in p.m.

Almost a full house at the Amish church again yesterday. Opening by Enos L. Miller, Hartville, scripture read by Dea. Atlee Troyer, Ind., and main sermon by Pre. Willis Hochstetler from Townville, Pa. A singing was held at the Amish church in evening.

Last Fri. eve. we made a stop at Ezra Gingerichs' on Estrada St. There we met old Levi Borntrager, Ezra's father-in-law, who is 98 yrs. old. He can really tell you some old stories about when they were in North Dakota. We have 5 men here in Pinecraft that are 90 or over and one woman, Fannie Byler, 95.

Recent visitors at our house were Toby Petershimes and Freddie Yoders from Kansas, Cletus Millers and Mel Beachys from Utica, Ohio, Mrs. Katie Mast, Esther Coblentz, Dea. Mel Schmuckers, Pre. Levi D. Miller, Orie and Edith Yoder, Okla., and Crist and Maryalice Miller from Middlefield, Ohio.

Recent tourists are Dan J. Schlabachs, Alvin J. Klines, Pre. Willis Hochstetlers, Mrs. John (Emma) Kurtz, John Weavers, Dale Elliot, Ivan Stutzman, Levi Jones, Pre. John Schmidt, Emanuel Millers, Bish. Pete Miller and some youngfolks.

Some recent bicycle accidents occurred here in Pinecraft. For more details contact Pre. Willis Yoder, Joe Schmucker and Dannie Fry.

Atlee E. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Jan. 15--Cool nights, but sunny days, in the 70s.

Paul Gingerich passed away Thurs. eve. of a heart attack.

Mrs. Edna (Ora) Yoder is recovering from her fall recently.

Around 60 widows attended the potluck on Jan. 6th at the Amish church kitchen.

Ben Fishers left for N.M. and other states a couple of weeks ago, and have rented their house out till spring.

Laura Mast was released from the hospital, being cared for by her daughters Mary and Esther.

Jr. Keims and family, Jonie and Ella (Steve) Keim returned to Ohio Jan. 7th after a couple weeks of vacation here. Mrs. Ella (Steve) Keim enters the hospital Thurs. in Ohio for surgery on Friday. She is hoping to return here again in a few weeks for the rest of the season.

Mrs. Betty Spencer and Marion Farmwald arrived here a week ago Saturday. They were visitors with the writer on Mon. evening.

Wm. Garber, Elizabeth and Mary Garber were Sunday dinner guests at Ed Millers'. Ed's son, Jerry, had been visiting here the past few weeks and left for Kansas this week.

Wm. E. Hostetler arrived from Ohio on Sat. and spent a couple hrs. with his nephew Jake M. Weaver, then went on down to Port Charlotte.

Johnnie Farmwalds and dau., John Paul Farmwalds and 2 daus., Mrs. Betty Spencer and Marion Farmwald were Sun. dinner guests at Eddie and Sherie's.

Mrs. Cora Miller is entertaining daughter Maryann of Ohio for a few weeks.

Mrs. E. T.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Jan. 12--We are all enjoying the wonderful days and warm weather. Margaret and I went to the beach and the beach was beautiful. The weather was perfect. The kids were having a great time. The family was all together and it was a wonderful day.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARKANSAS

Happy Hollow

Jan. 15--Are enjoying real nice weather lately.

Our near neighbor, Bob Atchinson, asked for a job with the State Forest (he formerly worked there). They asked him to work in Ks. Since his parents live there, they decided to make that move. Bob, Melissa and dau. Emily Kay left Sat., Jan. 13.

My sister Mary Jane Hershberger had 3 by-pass heart surgeries done in Florida on Mon., Jan. 8th. Their dau. Miriam Mast and baby Zachary from Del. were with them 3 days. Then dau.-in-law June

was there to help one week. She said Mary Jane was doing fine. Her address is: P.O. Box 7703, Sarasota, Fl. 34278.

Sunday p.m., yesterday, Glen Bontrager went with the group of 16 CBS students to bring cheer. They went to the home of Frank and Hazel McCleary (she is now in a hospital bed), then to Gilbert Masseys'. Last to the Mtn. View Hospital.

Sunday evening our group was to CBS for the last message by Pre. Merle Beachy, who is serving at Faith Mission Home. Their first term there are 102 students (one was sent home sick), not 110 as I wrote in my last letter. I was misinformed. Mrs. Erwin Miller

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Florida Street

Jan. 12--We are all enjoying the wonderful days and warm weather.

Russell Schuchman, Arthur Colburn, Mary and Roy Miller, Mary Catherine Miller, Marie Miller, Cindy Schuchman.

Larry Schuchman, all from Ohio, Eugene Miller, Harry Taylor, Wilma Miller from

Ill. and Virginia Miller were out enjoying

golf with Mary and Roy Miller. They

went to Miami.

Sunday dinner given with Mary and

Roy Miller were business Schuchman.

Marie Miller, Larry Schuchman, Eugene Miller, and Arthur Colburn.

We all enjoyed a beautiful brunch and

also had our school Christmas

celebration.

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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Jan. 6--We're having nice weather, but the cold snap 2 weeks ago froze some stuff and it ruined the papaya and the fruit is falling off, but the citrus fruit is not damaged here.

The Pioneer bus came Thurs. and left Fri. with 39 going back.

Tim Swartzentruber, my grandson from Goshen, Ind., is living in my trailer. He works in Dutch Oven Restaurant as waiter. I have 8 children, they were all here over the holidays except Ruth at Clark, Mo. Enos and Emma and Tir-

went back to Ind. to be with their fam. over Christmas and returned.

Andrew Chupp and Dema (my dau.) were here 10 days from Mex. where they're in Mission work. They left last eve. by plane.

Amos Martin is back. They had been in Can. but Sarah stayed in Ind. She got the shingles.

Eli Burkholders were to Chouteau, Okla. where they have 2 daus. and a son living.

One tourist asked another, "What do you do?" He said, "I'm helping my neighbor." He asked "what does your neighbor do?" He said, "nothing."

Menno Swartzentruber

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Estrada Street

Jan. 18--We are all enjoying this wonderful sunny and warm weather.

Rosanna Schlabach, Esther Coblentz, Mary and Betty Miller, Mary Catherine Miller, Mattie Miller, Cindy Schrock, Leroy Stutzman, all from Ohio, Eugene Miller, Harry Yoder, Willis Miller from Ill. and Virgil Miller were Sat. evening guests with Mary and Esta Miller. Pizza was on menu.

Sunday dinner guests with Mary and Betty Miller were Rosanna Schlabach, Mattie Miller, Mary Emma Brenneman, Miriam Hostetler and Esther Coblentz. We all enjoyed a breakfast brunch and also had our belated Christmas exchange.

Mary Catherine Miller and Cindy Schrock from Ohio are spending a few week's vacation in Florida with friends and relatives.

The Pioneer Trails bus arrived today again bringing 33 passengers.

Mattie Miller

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Jan. 16--Are having beautiful sunny days. Nighttime temps. are 45-50 and daytime temp. in the 70's.

Melvin Yoders and Fannie Byler of Ga. are back again and plan to stay for the rest of the winter. Fannie will be celebrating her 96th birthday on Feb. 6. She is still very busy making pillows and is real spry and active for her age.

Nancy and Esther Hershberger of Ohio will be spending one night here in Pinecraft.

Tobias Yoders of Ind. plan to arrive in Pinecraft today.

Abner Overholt is still in the hospital and is not improving as fast as they would like to see. He had one by-pass.

Mrs. Alvin (Mary) Hershberger of Iowa also had open heart surgery with 3 by-passes. She is coming along real good and was only a week in the hospital.

Last Thurs. eve. Paul Gingerich of Iowa passed away suddenly of a heart attack. He was flown back to Iowa for burial.

Visitors with us yesterday were Mrs. Lee Bontrager of Kokomo, Ind. and Lena Miller of Pinecraft.

Sam Petersheim is slowly improving. He now walks with a cane instead of crutches, and has been riding his 3-wheeler.

Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

Jan. 17--Last week I visited two widows and was blessed by doing so. The first one I visited had asked her daughter earlier if she had to be 90 before I'd visit her. Hearing this, I was soon on my way to see her. This was Mrs. Levi E. (Lizzie) Beachy who lived in Hartville, Ohio most of her 87 years. Levi was a next younger brother to Noah E. Beachy who I wrote about last week and Lizzie was a next younger sister to Lydia Ann, Noah's wife. As with Noah, Levi also lived in Bay Minette, Al. in his boyhood days and in his working years at the F.E. Schumacher Co. Levi passed away 15 yrs. ago I believe. Lizzie still lives in her apartment in back part of Henry A. Yoder's house. Though I hadn't seen her for quite some time I was surprised to see her quite well and in good spirits. She lives only a short walking distance west of Pinecraft on Bahia Vista.

Honorable mention this week goes to Laura Mast who turned 90 last August the 26th. She is the widow of Dan Mast who passed away in 1982. I can't remember of ever meeting him. But his brother Elvon used to come down here from Geauga Co., Ohio before he died, and preacher Mahlon Mast who lives in Kinsman, Ohio, I have appreciated knowing them personally. I have known Laura a good many years. Sometimes I would chat with her at the postoffice when she came for her mail. Last week I stopped in for a little visit at her son's house on Rhodes Ave. Although she has a house here in Pinecraft she is at present recuperating from a recent heart attack. She made me feel welcome and I learned a few things about her life. She bore 10 children of which 8 are still living. She saw two of her children leave this world as a result of cancer. One was 58 and the other 38. Through looking in the "Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler" book, I was amazed to find that Laura Mast was a first cousin of Eli N. Beachy (father of Noah and Levi) mentioned last week and also now.

Attendance at the Tourist Mennonite church Sunday morning (Jan. 14) was 215. Vernon Good from Va. taught the S.S. lesson and Amos Horst preached. The evening service consisted of a hymn sing in the fore part and preaching afterward by Jake Schrock from Sarasota. The attendance must have been between four and five hundred people. If a person know how many states, communities and churches of Amish and Mennonites were represented, it would be astonishing. I saw a Budget scribe couple who must have just come recently. That was Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hostetler from Kokomo, Indiana. I did not get to talk to them but I hope I'll get to see them yet before they leave.

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Yoder from Dover, Delaware have arrived and plan to stay three weeks. They too are a Budget scribe couple from that place. I had hoped they could stay for the (FBSB) Florida Budget scribe breakfast on the 10th of February. But they have a return flight before that time.

Thirty years ago today (Jan. 17) the Sarasota Herald Tribune had a full page write-up in it's Sunday edition about quilting. The heading in bold letters: "Is Quilt-Making Art Dying?" The top half of the page shows six ladies from the Whispering Pines trailer court quilting a "Drunkard's Path" design. On the bottom half five ladies are busy at a quilting frame set up in the breezeway of the Sam Beachy home in Pinecraft. By the way, this is just the 5th house east of us. Here Mrs. John Yutzy, Mrs. Anna Yoder, Mrs. Anna Lichti, Mrs. Sam Beachy and Mrs. Jess Kaufman are doing a "Star Pattern." Mrs. John Yutzy said perhaps as many as 200 quilts are completed during the winter season. It would be interesting to know how this would compare with today.

And while on the subject of quilts, on Feb. 8, 9 & 10th there will be a quilt and craft show and sale at the Palm Grove Fellowship Hall. Last year they had 160 quilts in twin, queen, king and regular sizes and in all colors. Those wishing to sell their items can bring them on Tues. and Wed., Feb. 6 & 7.

Back in the days of our youth in Hartville there were Johnnys living in the same neighborhood. They were cousins and about the same age. All three of their mothers were sisters. They were referred to as Daddy's Johnny, Benedict's Johnny and Nathaniel's Johnny. The first one, John A. Miller, had his home at his grandparents after his mother died in the flu epidemic in 1918. The second one, John G. Mullet, was the son of Gideon Mullet who also died the same time from flu. His mother remarried to Benedict Beachy and he lived with his stepfather and mother. The third one, John N. Miller, lived at home with his parents, the Nathaniel J. Millers.

The first, John A. passed away several years ago. The second, John Mullet, lives with his wife in Mechanicstown, Ohio and has a small cabinet shop. They also have a bulk food store. The third, John N., just walked past our house. He and his wife live in northern Ind. and pulled a 5th wheel RV trailer and set it up here on Birky and will spend some time here. He is a mason and does cement work up north.

Noah Gingerich

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

Jan. 23--The time of season is here when the Amish tourists from Pa. usually appear for a month or so. This year more than normally. A few handicapped stay longer because health does not permit to till the soil. Pinecraft is loaded to the gills.

Preaching at Sunnyside Sunday morning by Amos Stoll and Lester Coblentz. In the evening the Don Showalter family sang and ministered from Northern Light Gospel Missions at Red Lake, Ont. In the evening by David Hershberger.

Word has been received of the death of Irvin Martin at Penn. He was my year 'round snook fishing buddy for years after the death of Snook Joe Miller.

The fishermen are getting lots of fish now. Not many speckled trout are reported. They go out on the gulf of Mexico and catch whiting and silver trout, mostly, and sugartrout in the bay. One day last week Albert Yoder had a record catch of 51 whiting and silver trout in a half day.

One day as I was having a peaceful game of checkers at the park, a towheaded 6-year-old grandson came running up all excited and said, "I need help. I am in the ditch and can't get out, and I need help right away." I looked over the group and could not spy anyone more capable than myself, so I dashed with him over across the basketball court. He had a 3-year-old great-granddaughter on the back seat of a three-wheeler holding a doll about as large as herself and he could not push or pedal up the ramp onto the court. He probably did not want to have the girlfriend get off and walk. We pushed it up on the court and the boy jumped on

the driver's seat and away they went. No casualties nor charges. Just a healthy thanks.

To Mrs. Lonnie Yoder, Mendon, Mich., I did not collect the snow. A neighbor boy did and has it in ball form and probably frozen hard. But he does not intend to throw it at anyone. Just to have the tourists see it and feel more at home. When we see oranges up north we feel kinda at home too. We do appreciate your writings. See you Feb. 10?

The womenfolk have more quiltings going on this winter than usual. Quilt show Feb. 8, 9 and 10, at Palm Grove Church Hall.

Spring is here. The mulberry trees are starting to bloom.

Mose & Mary

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Jan. 23--Another full house at the Amish church yesterday. Opening by Pre. Willis Hochstetler, scripture read by Pre. Roman I. Yoder, main sermon by Bish. Eli Burkholder.

Recent tourists were Alvin D. Kline, Mrs. John Hochstetler, Roman Rabers, David Yoders from Oklahoma, Pre. Floyd Borntragers, Ind., Pre. John Schmidts, Milroy, Dan J. Schlabach, Lucy Steury, Defiance Co., Abe B. Yoder, Wayne Schlabach, Berlin, Ohio area and a lot of Lancaster, Pa. folks.

Special church services were held on Thurs. eve. for Pre. John Schmidt from Milroy, Ind. Opening by Floyd Borntrager, scripture read by Willis Hochstetler. Had a good crowd. John Schmidt and wife left for home again on Sat.

Andy Kinsinger from Lancaster Co. spent a few days at the Doctors Hospital with breathing problems, but is at home again and attended church on Sun.

Sun. dinner guests at Pre. Sam Weavers were Bish. Eli Burkholders and the writer and wife.

Our visitors last week were Mrs. John Kurtz, Mrs. Lizzieann Yoder, Greenhouse Atlee Rabers, Amanda Yoder, Earl & Mary Auders, Souderton, Pa., Paul & Stella Godshall, Harleysville, Pa., Bish. Pete Miller, Pre. John Schmidts, Milroy, Ind., Menno R. Troyers, Roman Rabers, Ohio, Harvey Millers, Ind., David Yoders, and Ora Yoders, Oklahoma, and Toby and Fannie Mast, Ill.

Birds seem to be scarce so far here. Mourning doves are No. 1, also saw some cardinals, sea gulls go back and forth to the Sarasota Landfill, thousands of them, red bellied woodpeckers, and last week while painting over on Estrada St. I saw one of those pileated woodpeckers, a very beautiful bird the size of a crow. It came so close to me that I could have touched it with a fishing pole.

Gray squirrels are very numerous and are so tame that when you feed them peanuts they will take them out of your hand. The other morning I saw one whose life was at stake as a chicken hawk swooped down and almost got it when it came down from a tree, right close to our house, but the squirrel got away and the hawk flew away hungry.

Thot: "Our children are watching. What we are speaks louder than what we say."

Atlee E. Miller

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Jan. 22--Overcast at 67°. Sure could use a good rain.

Thurs. eve. services were held at the Amish church for John Schmidt of Milroy, Ind. and Floyd Bontrager of Topeka, Ind.

Pete Grabers and Mrs. Enos Mullett had gone to Davis Co. for a funeral, and while there they caught a flu bug, so didn't not feel up to par in driving all the way home alone. So stopped in S.C. and picked up Betty Wagler to help with the driving. About 50 miles north of Tampa a semi passed them and as he was passing his trailer started weaving and hit their car which caused them to go off the road and hit a guardrail on the right, then back across the road again hitting the guardrail on the left before they stopped. The semi kept right on truckin and never stopped. Mrs. Graber received 9 broken ribs, Mrs. Mullett had 3 cracked ribs, Betty had a big bump on forehead and a gash in her head, and the car was totaled.

Lydia Weaver of Davis Co. is spending a few weeks in Pinecraft with her bro., the Jake Weaver family.

On Sunday noon a carry-in was held at the Levi and Erma Yoder home in honor of Betty Wagler. Those present were Lorene Wenger, Kathy Bontrager, Laura Yutzy, Verna Mast, Brenda Harbolt and Dad (name unknown) and Lewis Miller and Mattie.

Floyd Bontrager has caught a cold since in Pinecraft and was not able to attend church on Sunday, or so he said. But on Sunday eve. he was seen strolling the streets of Pinecraft.

Yesterday Amish church was packed like sardines. Some sat upstairs, some on outside and some just went back home again.

Mattie L. Miller

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

Jan. 22--This is a beautiful spring-like day; temperature is 63° at mid-afternoon.

We arrived home Tues. night after spending three weeks in Va. helping my parents. We probably would have stayed a week or so longer, but Ed had a heart attack while we were there and wanted to be home in case anything major needed to be done.

The night he had his first severe pain we thought it was caused by his hiatal hernia since he felt some relief when he got up and walked around. The dr. in Va. seemed to go along with that idea too, and said his heart sounded good. He took an EKG the second time we went to him and found that Ed had indeed had a heart attack. He wanted us to wait a week and have Ed checked again before he would let us come home, but we waited only half a week to go back as Ed was eager to be home.

The second EKG was the same as the first one, so since his heart was stable, the dr. let us come on. He had a good trip home in just a little over 15 hrs. and Ed didn't mind traveling at all. Our doctor sent us to the hospital in Tallahassee right away, where he was admitted and a heart catheterization done Fri. morning. The blockage was in an artery on the left side of his heart and a lot of heart muscle was damaged, but the doctors felt they would treat it with bedrest and medication rather than surgery. We brought him home today noon after a 4-day stay in the hospital. He can rest without pain now.

Abe Headings took his wife Orpha to the hospital in Tallahassee on Wed. Her blood was low and that was what caused her heart problems. She was given three units of blood and was able to come home today also.

Fri. and Sat. were work days for the fellowship hall at our church. Dan Benedict from Monticello helped with the work.

Bro. Walter Beachy and his wife Mary Jane from Plain City, Ohio, were with us Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Jan. 21--Warm, sunny days and temps. going up to the middle 80's. The northerners are sure basking in the sunshine, as some seem to be hard sun-scorched.

The monthly relief sewing was held at the Tourist fellowship hall with a good attendance.

Sam Petersheim is seen riding his bicycle on the streets of Pinecraft. Amos and Viola Wickey of Ind. were staying in the Atlee Yoder home (close neighbors to us) for 2 weeks, and have again left for their home, stopping in Florence, S.C. to have some dental work done.

Roman and Barbara Miller of Ohio came on the Pioneer Trails bus last week to visit his parents, Noah and Fannie Miller, who are holding their own as well as expected.

Yesterday the Kansas reunion was held at the Palm Grove fellowship hall.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Estrada Street

Jan. 26--We received a shower of rain last night. Today it's nice and sunny with a cool winds. We are having 70° today.

Roy Mast, Leroy Stutzman, Abe W. Schlabach, Cindy Schrock, Mary and Betty Miller, Mattie Sue Miller, Mary Catherine Miller all from Oh., Jonas A. Troyer, Eugene Miller, Virgil Bontrager, Harley Yoder, Eldon Weaver, Artie Wagler, Merv Graber, Ray and Linda Miller, Ruth Miller, Sara Hostetler, Susanna Otto and Mary Miller were supper guests with Rosann Schlabach and Esther Coblentz on Fri., Jan. 19. A carry-in dinner was enjoyed. Sauerkraut was on the menu.

Eugene Miller, Virgil Bontrager from Ia., Ernest Yoder from Ind., Jonas Troyer, Roy Mast, Leroy Stutzman, Ray and Linda Miller, Harry Yoder, Esther Coblentz, Rosanna Schlabach, Mary Catherine Miller, Mary and Betty Miller, Wilma Miller, Susan Miller, Kenosha Weaver, Cindy Schrock and Ruth were Sun. evening, Jan. 21 guests with Mattie Sue Miller.

Sun. dinner guests with Joni Weavers were Amos Dieners from Ind., Ervin E. Yoder from Oh., Dave Hershbergers, Sol Yoder and Mrs. Susan Gerber.

Cristy Bontrager from Ill., Eugene Miller, Virgil Bontrager, Roy Mast, Dave Miller, Laura Gingerich, Mary and Betty Miller, Rosanna Schlabach, Mattie Miller, Esther Coblentz, Cindy Schrock, Mary Catherine Miller, Mary Wengerd and Ernest Yoder from Ind., were Wed. evening, Jan. 24 guests with Ray and Linda Miller.

Amanda Shetler from Mt. Hope, Oh. is spending a few months in Fla.

The Pioneer Trails bus arrived here yest. again with only 10 passengers, and has plans again to leave tonight for Oh. and Ind. with 30 passengers.

Mattie Miller

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Benedict 18
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Farmwald 11
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Freed 9
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Garber 11
Garver 4
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Gingerich 2-7-8-10
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Glick 1
Godshall 16
Golden 5
Graber 1-5-6-17-19
H1
Harbolt 17
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Hochstetler 9-10-11-16
Horst 1-5
Hostetler 7-11-13-14-19
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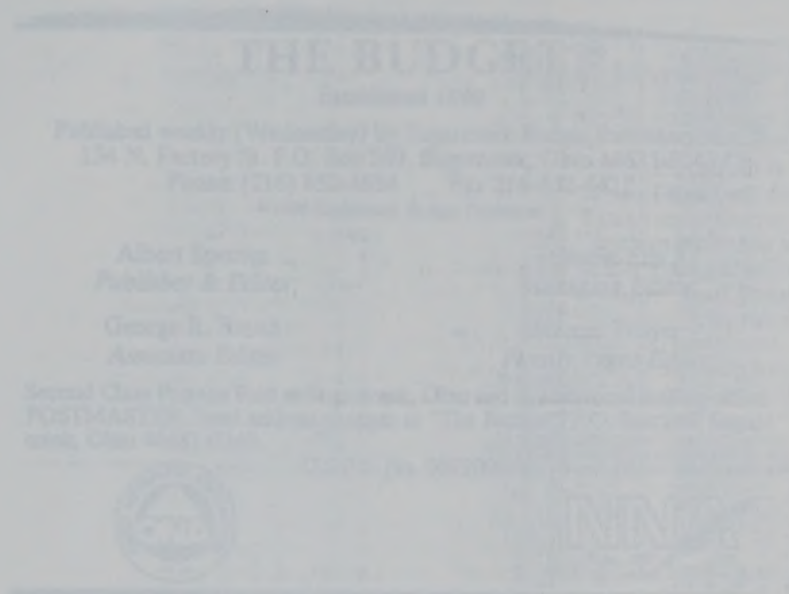
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PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Jan. 30--Almost a full house at the Amish church. Opening by Pre. Mose Coblentz, scripture read by the writer, main sermon by Bish. Sam Yoder from Ohio. A singing was held at the church in the eve.

62 this morn., very foggy and the last few days it was in the low 80's in the afternoon, typical Florida weather.

Fishing has picked up the last few weeks since it warmed up. Most of them came in with nice catches of whiting and silver but not too many specs. Jake Yoder, our neighbor, Andy Helmuth, Floyd Burkholder, Eli Kline, Jonas Hershberger, Bill Detweiler, Rufus Yoder, Sol Yoder, B.J. Helmuth are some of the more prominent fishermen, our neighbor Al Helmuth, who usually goes wading for specs had been laid up with gout and said last eve. he feels better again and might try his luck today.

Tourists arriving here last week were Bish. Sam Yoders, David A. Troyers, Dan S. Hershbergers, 4 of Pre. Henry Beachys' girls, Paul J. Yoders and another of Bish. John J.C. Yoders' married sons of the Elm Grove area, Mrs. Nathan Miller, Sam D.S. Millers and maybe some more. These are all from Ohio. Will let Mrs. Dan Hochstetler give the names of Indiana tourists that came in lately.

Our recent visitors were Toby Masts, Harley Blough, Ralph Walters, John and Judy Weaver, Susan Miller, Amos and Lydia Lapp, Crist and Katie King, Mrs. Joe (Katie) Fry, Mrs. John (Katie) Troyer, Joni and Martha Miller, Oakland, Md., Miriam and Cindy Beachy, Elmer and Lydia Bontrager, Jesse and Susie King, Henry and Anna Lapp, Pre. Sam Weavers and Pre. Menno Coblentzes.

We took a walk on Sun. p.m. thru Pinecraft but found very few families at home. 1st ones at home were Menno R.

Troyers where we also met Henry Troyers from Hartville. Later we met David A. Troyers who just came on Sat. via Amtrak and are staying in a small trailer close to the former Andy Raber house. David's wife is Amanda, dau. of the late Joseph Beachys from our church. She is crippled from arthritis and had never been down here. They brought her to church on a wheelchair but she can walk some with the aid of a cane.

I guess spring is just around the corner as we saw our 1st robins yesterday out on Hawthorne St. where Rev. Mose Miller and I were painting a trailer.

We are living in Crist Beiler's house from Pa. where we have been now for 5 yrs. but Crists will be coming soon, so we will be moving on Thursday morn. over on Birky St. in a newly furnished apt. owned by Elam Stoltzfuses from Pa., where we will stay till we go home. We will be neighbors to Noah Gingerichs, the Pinecraft poet, and Budget scribe. Hope 2 Budget scribes can get along. If we can't, you will probably see it in his Budget articles. Our address will be the same.
Atlee E. Miller

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Jan. 30--Are having quite foggy weather the last 2 mornings. Daytime temp. is in the upper 70's. Are still wishing for rain.

The spring birds are seen and heard this last while. The Fla. robins aren't as fat and bright colored as the Iowa robins used to be.

Giving us a short but welcome visit on Sat. was the Raymond Miller family of Kokomo, Ind. They are here visiting his father and sisters, Dave Miller and daus. Lewis Yoders of Napp., Ind. are also here for a week.

Cecil Yoders of Ohio bought a property here in Pinecraft, so they were here last week doing some work tearing down and cleaning up.

Mahlon Yoders left suddenly for Mich. to attend the funeral of a bro-in-law who was killed.

Sunday dinner guests in our home were Sam Petersheims, Raymond Bontragers, Adlai Yoders and Ben Schrock, all of Ill. and Mose Stoltzfuses of Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coblentz of Ky. plan to arrive in Pinecraft on Fri. to visit with relatives and friends for a week.

Mattie L. Miller

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

Jan. 31--Sunday morning preaching by David Sommers and Elmer Miller, Woodlawn, Ind. A hymnsing was well attended in the evening and devotion by Bro. Ludlow Walker and he gave a report on his life and the progress at Homestead, the Southernmost Mennonite Outreach in the U.S.

A carry-in lunch was enjoyed by about 300 people which included the Dade City, Myakka City and Homestead congregations in honor of those leaving and arriving, the David Sommers and David Grabers and Steve Millers. The latter were Choice Books workers and are replaced by Bill and Ruth Yoders from Ill.

The weather is fine. Still some new arrivals but many leavers.

The citrus trees are starting to bud and the frozen shrubs are starting to sprout out. Predictions were for a cool front last weekend but it was very mild.

Sunnyside is in the construction business again. A new board fence around the grave yard.

At our place for an evening snack was Mary's cousin, Mrs. Amanda Chupp, Chouteau, Ok., also the Sam Weavers, Ky. and Mrs. Rachel Raber, Uniontown, Ohio.

This morning's paper states that the Sarasota county commissioners are considering the imposition of an immediate moratorium on building permits for 120 days due to the fact that they are not able to furnish water to use. It is not a water shortage but a consumption overage. "Maybe the tourists will have to bring their own drinking water."

Mose & Mary

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Feb. 2--If there were any ground hogs here, he certainly saw its shadow.

Two weeks ago I had visitors here from Gladwin, Mich. Sam E. and Enos E. Swartzentruber, my bro. Noah's grandsons, coming here from Fort Meyers, Fla. where they visited.

Other visitors, John and Fannie Stoltzfus, Amos and Suvilla King, Omar Fisher, Paul Rice, Barbara Stoltzfus, Fannie Stoltzfus, all of Pa. Now this eve. Homer and Martha Gingerich and Esther Miller, Harrisburg, Oregon.

Stanley Eash, just across the corner from me will sell his home at auction Feb. 10th. They will move to Pa. He's been busy with his yard work for years.

The citrus crop sells good, but the papaya all froze about 6 weeks ago.

The funeral of Mrs. Andy Miller, Garnett, Kans. was last Tue. Going from here were Willie Frys and Noah Stutzmans.

Some fishermen report good catches. I was invited to a fish supper last week at Albert Yoders'. Others there were Sam Weavers, Enos Millers, Menno Coblentzes, Pete Miller and Mose Coblentz. Menno Swartzentruber

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

Jan. 29--This is a nice morning, 57°.

The river is pretty high, 17 or 18 ft., which is higher than it was for several years. Most of the time for several years it was so low that the barges could not go. They had to ship the grain out by truck. The river needs to be around 5 ft. to haul full barges of grain. There is no problem now.

There are dams above us where they close the gates and hold the water. Therefore in dry seasons, by the time it gets here, it's pretty low.

Orpha Headings returned home from the hospital last Monday and was in church yesterday morning. She had to have blood transfusions.

I was also in the same hospital on the same floor in Tallahassee for heart problems, and came home the same day, Jan. 22.

I had blockage in my heart. I did not have surgery. They are treating it with medication and rest. I was in church yesterday and got along pretty good. I need to go to the dr. again today for checkup.

Glennys Schrock and her son Arlin and family went to Gainesville, Fla. yesterday to visit her son Myron, who is in dental school there.

Pamela Smith is planning to return from Clearwater, Fla. Wed. She has completed her schooling. She is planning to enter the teaching profession.

We had an unusual welcome when we returned home from Va. the other week. My wife walked into the kitchen and saw a broken window and glass scattered over the kitchen floor from one end to the other. There was no stone or anything on the floor to indicate what might have happened. Then she went into the bedroom and there at the foot of the bed was a quail. We caught him and set him free. Now you might think our house was a mess from having a live bird in it for several days, but not so. It seems the quail was very well house trained and used the bathtub for his personal needs.

Friday, Jan. 26, we saw our first purple martin. The earliest we had ever seen them before was Feb. 4. Sat. and Sunday there was a pair of them here.

Esther Stoltzfus and her young son from Tallahassee were here Sunday, visiting her parents, Monroe Yoders.

Edward J. Yoder

Paul D. Gingerich of Kalona, Ia., died Jan. 11, 1990, in Sarasota, Fl. He was born Nov. 26, 1912; was 77 years, one month, 14 days.

Survivors include his wife, Viola, whom he married Sept. 30, 1934; four sons: Clarence, Eldon, Marlin, and Emery, Kalona; 4 daughters, Mary, Des Moines, Ia.; Erma Peachey, Trout Run, Pa.; Laura Keener, Honolulu, Hi.; Barbara Meinel, Kalona. Also a brother, Irvin, and sister Lydia, Kalona; 27 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Three sons, his parents, a brother and sister preceded him in death.

Services were held Jan. 16, at Sunnyside Conservative Mennonite Church, with burial in North Gingerich Cemetery near Kalona.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

Jan. 30--This week it's "Happy Birthday, Sam!" (90 in '90). On January 16th Sam P. Schrock, founder of Schrock's Cabinets in Walnut Creek, Ohio, just had his 90th. On Oct. 7, 1927 he married Mary Beachy who passed away Feb. 10, 1987. To this union were born 4 sons and 1 dau. Two sons are deceased. Sam and Mary had been coming to Pinecraft for around 20 years. Their first home was here on Birky which is now occupied by Noah Beachy. One day Sam took a bus to Sarasota and on the way home sat beside a man who had bought a "property for sale" sign. Sam inquired of him where the property was. He was told it was on Bimini Street in Pinecraft. This being on the south side of Bahia Vista where the Amish church, post office and store were located, was just what Sam and Mary wanted. They bought it right away and still own it.

In 1941 Sam started to make cabinets and it has grown to a large operation. Schrock's Cabinets of Walnut Creek are widely known for top quality products. Furniture, grandfather clocks and caskets are among them. Sam lives right next door to the shop and he spends a good bit of time there making all kinds of wooden craft items from walnut, maple, oak and other hard woods.

At Schrock's display and show room you can see about 300 pieces of fancy items made by Sam. You'll also see the first piece of furniture (a bureau) he made when he was 18 years old. Just last summer he sent a walking cane and a 4-legged stool to George and Barbara Bush in Washington. A letter of thanks from them for these gifts has been put in a frame and also hangs on one of the walls. I would say if you ever have the opportunity to stop in at Schrock's, you'll do yourself a favor by doing so.

Now about Sam, who is of medium height, light weight, stands straight and has almost a full head of hair that is always neatly combed. His voice is soft and I believe his health is quite good. To me he is not just Sam Schrock, but is a personal friend and I am proud of it.

We had a telephone call from Belize City, C.A. on Sat. from our dau. Pauline. This does not happen too often as in Scotland Half Moon where she is living and teaching school there is no telephone and going to the city does not happen too often either. From the call there was bad news and good news. You see Noah Beachy and his wife from Plain City, Ohio are down there visiting the mission stations which they have a responsibility to. Noah is AMA director (and a good one, too) and keeps close contact with the workers. Pauline is pleased to work with an organization that seemingly does things precisely and whole-heartedly. Almost two years ago Pauline signed up to 2 years of service in the work there. At that time I accused Noah of being a thief and stealing our daughter. I'm sure he remembers this, and now the bad news ... He asked Pauline to stay and teach another year, and now the good news ... she said she would.

Those of you who know Pauline know that she does not make hasty decisions and when she does she puts her whole heart into it. She feels it would be rather unfair to the school children, who she has worked hard to train to better attitudes towards learning and school attendance. I guess she is like her dad. What he does, he does seriously. Even in Florida where some think he does nothing, you can be assured he's doing a good job of it.

What is more beautiful than a thoughtful husband of long standing, baking a good custard pie for his wife while she is gone for the day. The following took place here in Pinecraft several weeks ago. Hubby got all the right ingredients mixed together for the pie without much trouble. But then he thought he had to have a crust to finish the job. And here is where he had a problem. He made a telephone call to another city to ask if he could use cooking oil instead of Crisco. The advice was against it, so not being able to find any (there was some in the fridge), he went to the store and bought a can. The dough came out all right and after fitting it in a foil pan, he poured in the ingredients. Oh, yes, he almost forgot to light the oven, but this was taken care of. And now the oven was ready and so was the pie ready to be baked. As he was going in with the pie the pan folded in the middle and the filling poured out into the oven. Instead of a pie for his wife, there was a mess for her to clean up.

Attendance at the Tourist Mennonite Church on Sunday morn. was 250. After Sunday school Noah Chupp from Sarasota gave a short report on the work of the Gideons. As you know they distribute Bibles and testaments to motels, hotels, schools and other institutions. Paul Kandel from Holmes Co., Ohio, then brought a message. In the evening Christ Beiler had a topic after which Ervin M. Miller from Burton, Ohio preached.

"It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt." Noah Gingerich

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

Feb. 7--Sorry if you had a curve thrown at you in the Jan. 31 Budget. My letter was headed Uniontown, Ohio instead of Sarasota, Florida and I could hardly find it myself.

From my living room window I saw three preachers' wives walk past. These wives are from one church in Holmes County and had been on the "loose" for about a week. Even though they are here in Pinecraft without their husbands,, they are not (AWOL) absent without leave. Their minister husbands, who leave their homes to serve at other places without them many times, thought it only fair that their spouses go to Pinecraft for a vacation. The wives came by plane, rented a car to drive and a motel to stay in at night.

K-K-K-Katy, beautiful Katy, I wonder how many of you know this little jingle? Seems to me I can still hear my mother sing this, as she rocked her babies to sleep. I was reminded of this last week, as thirty (30) Katies from Pinecraft met for a "Katie" party at the home of Katy Mast. Mrs. Lucy Gingerich was there to help serve refreshments and she's the only g-g-g-girl that I adore.

Through those who wrote or spoke to me personally about some history of Elmer (Piney) Stutzman. I learned that his grandfather and my mother's grandfather were brothers. I received letters from each of their two daughters. It was interesting to learn that in the mid-twenties the Stutzman family moved from Mt. Hope, Ohio up to our area of Stark County. The parents worked for a while on the big swamp for Chapmans. Elmer also worked in Aultman in a tile factory.

My wife and I are happy to announce that we have a set of twin girls. They were due to arrive Feb. 2 and they came that day, Lida Kay and Lori are 16-year-old daughters of Mervin Yoders from Oklahoma. They are using our spare bedroom while their mother and brother Matthew are elsewhere. Ora Yoders from Okla. are the parents and grandparents. Also coming on the same van was widower Andy Yoder from the same location.

Attendance at the Tourist Mennonite Church Sunday morning was 305. Lesson taught by Mose Miller from Holmes Co., Ohio. Opening by Allen Fleagle, Chambersburg, Pa. and a sermon by Manass Bontrager from Goshen, Indiana.

Who ges honorable mention this week for being 90? None other than the just mentioned Manass Bontrager. He was born April 5, 1899 to Eli J. and Mattie (Miller) Bontrager in Mylo, N. Dakota. When he was 12 years old the family moved to Exeland, Wisconsin. He told me it was very hard on him because he liked it so well in N. Dakota. The settlement in Wis. is one that failed. After 6 yrs. the family moved back to LaGrange Co., Ind., where Eli had lived earlier. On April 11, 1920 Manass married a Mary Hochstetler. In 1949 he was ordained to the ministry, and the two were sent to a mission in Arkansas where they served for 25 yrs. They are now residents at Green Croft in Goshen, Ind. and she needs quite a bit of care. Should they both live till the 11th of April they will have been married 70 yrs. In 1980 Manass and his brother, Levi, who is 5 yrs. younger, traveled around the world together. He seems to be in good health and has a full crop of snow white hair. Like some would say, you can't have both hair and brains, but according to his message on Sunday he has both.

Mrs. Menno L. (Verna) Miller, who had surgery on her knee, is doing well. It is also good to see Sam Petersheim and Jonas J. Miller on the go again. Yesterday I took Mrs. Alvin Plank from Arthur, Ill. to the doctor for lower back pains. He diagnosed it as arthritis.

Noah Gingerich

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

Feb. 5--A nice morning, 40° and clear. We planted a little garden Sat. morning, a few potatoes, onions and a few seeds.

The Dan Benedict family of Monticello, Fla. were taken in as members of our church yesterday. Monticello is just beyond Tallahassee. They had as visitors with them, Mrs. Benedict's bro., Dr. Robert Hess and family. He is a medical dr. from southern Pa. They are of the Dunkhard faith.

Raymond Smoker of Chipley, Fla., was also in church yesterday morning.

Arlin Schrock are planning to move to Atmore, Alabama, this coming weekend.

Richad Masts have sold their house in town and are planning to move to Kentucky for a term of service.

Dan Yoder was down with the flu most of last week.

I am getting along quite well. Was to see the dr. last Monday and to go for a check up again in three weeks. He gave us a good report. I am taking about 5 different kinds of pills and a lot of rest.

They had a baby dedication at church yesterday morning for Landon Scott, son of Kevin and Donita Yoder. Kevin's parents, Martin and Fannie Yoder from Tennessee and their two daughters were also visitors at church. Edward Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA**Estrada Street**

Feb. 2--We were having a lot of fog the last few mornings. Today its sunny and warm with a temp. of 86°.

Sun. dinner guests with Mrs. Susanna Gerber were Lena Otto and Mrs. Katie E. Graber from Arthur, Ill., Mrs. Lydia Ann Miller, Rachel Wittmer and Martha Wagler from Indiana and Mrs. Jake (Irene) Miller from Ohio.

Mon., Jan. 29, supper guests with Mrs. Susanna Gerber were Dan and Nancy Lies from Canada, Joe and Esther Gerber, Magdalena Graber, Noah, Eli and Martha Beachy, Ben and Marion Kuepfer and Louise Yoder.

Mon. eve., Jan. 29, guests with Rosanna Schlabach were Abe W. Schlabach, Leroy Stutzman, Roy Mast, Jonas A. Troyer, Virgel Bontrager, Eldon Weaver, Susanna Otto, Amanda Shetler, Esther Coblenz, Ruth Miller, Mattie Miller, Mary and Betty B. Miller, Wilma Miller, Susan J. Miller, Twila, Ruby, Miriam and Cindy H. Beachy, Mary Miller, in honor of Ruth Miller's birthday. Cake, ice cream and snacks were served. Mattie Miller

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Topeka, Ind.

Feb. 6--Cooler weather. Temperature 54° this morning. A little shower of rain was welcomed.

The Amish church was filled again on Sunday, conducted by Sam Yoder (Ohio) and Sam Weaver.

Innd. strangers coming last week were John M. Yoders, Ervin M. and Dan B. Bontragers, Neal A. Millers and their son Mervins, Mrs. Sarah Zehr.

Vernon J. Bontragers came with Clarence Millers on Friday and plans are for them to leave for home again this Fri. John Yoders and Wilma, the 2 Bontrager couples and Anna Bontrager of Centreville, Mi. came with Ervin Mulletts on Fri. and will stay till next week.

Our dinner guests on Sunday were Tobie Petersheims and Freddie Yoders (Kans.) and Jona Weavers. Afternoon callers were Elmer Bontragers, B.J.K. Helmuths, Sam Millers, Vernon J. Bontragers, Neal Millers and Jake Beilers (Pa.). The afternoon was spent in singing.

Ora Yoder (Okla) went to Ind. to attend the funeral of Orva Miller, 66. The funeral was held on Monday.

Dan Marners have both been on the sick list for several weeks already, but are slowly getting better.

Ivan Jay Hochstetlers, Monroe Yoders and John Whetstones left for home last Fri. via Pioneer Trails Bus.

Menno Zehr of Allen Co., Ind. had been in Pa. with their dau., the Jake Beilers and accompanied them to Pinecraft last week. His plans are to return to Pa. again with them.

Mrs. Dan A. Hochstetler

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Estrada Street

Feb. 9--We are having some wonderful nice, sunny and warm days in February. Temperature reaching in the 80s.

Sat., Feb. 3 supper guests with Dan J. Stutzmans were Abe W. Schlabach, Roy H. Mast, Mary and Betty B. Miller, Esther Coblentz, Rosanna Schlabach, Mattie Miller, all from Ohio, Edna Miller from Indiana, Mary Miller and Andre Taman, Freddie Miller, Jonas A. Troyer and Ruth Ann Miller of here.

Mon., Feb. 5 eve. guests with Mary and Betty Miller were Twila, Ruby, Miriam and Cindy H. Beachy, all from Ohio, Wilma Miller, Ruth Ann Miller, Esther Coblentz, Mattie Miller, Rosanna Schlabach, Edna Miller, Mary Miller, Amanda Shetler, Susanna Otto, Eldon Weaver, Roy Mast, Virgel Bontrager, Eugene Miller, Jonas Troyer. Ice cream and the trimmings were on the menu. Jonas Troyer, Ruth Ann Miller, Twila Beachy, and Wilma Miller were the winners for the Pictionary game.

Wednesday, Feb. 7 supper guests with Mattie Miller were Andy and Katie Miller, Elwin and Linda Troyer and Ida M. Hochstetler, all from Middlefield, Ohio.

Wed. I received the sad news of my brother Roman D. Miller from Killbuck, Ohio. He got hit in his face with a 2 by 8 piece of wood at his job. He works for Sherman Lumber Co. (sawmill), Holmesville, Ohio area. He is a patient at the Mansfield, Ohio hospital.

Mrs. Joni Miller from Norfolk, Va., Eli and Mary Weaver from Walnut Creek, Ohio spent a week's vacation with their mother, Mrs. John Weaver and dau. Malinda of Pinecraft, Fla.

Twila, Miriam and Cindy H. Beachy, Elwin Troyers, Ida M. Hochstetler, all from Ohio, have plans to leave tonight with the Pioneer Trails bus to go back north again after spending a few weeks' vacation in Florida.

Mattie Miller

SARASOTA, FL

Feb. 4--Had a much appreciated shower of rain today which refreshed everything. Orange and grapefruit trees are coming out in nice blooms.

Noah Chupp was asked to give a report of the work of the Gideons at the Tourist Church.

Noah Stutzmans had gone to a funeral in Ks. Have returned home again.

Val Miller of Va. seems to be improving from having a sore foot and leg. He's a diabetic.

Levi Yoder is improving since they decreased some of his medication.

Jesse Kings, Pa. (our neighbors) are nearing completion in remodeling their house. Omer Beiler did their interior painting.

The 2 weeks of meetings will be starting this week; with different speakers the first week, Crist Diener of Pa. being our evangelist and Wm. McGrath, Bible teacher, the 2nd week.

My husband's half-bro., Harvey Yoders of Fair Play, S.C. arrived yesterday.

Today 5 of us circle letter friends were invited to Mrs. Mary Hochstetler's for dinner and fellowship. Soon after midnight we plan to start out for Texas with a Ryder truck to go get our belongings out of our house, as it has been sold. We bring everything back to Fla. Mahlon Boley will go with us to help ease the driving. Round trip it will be 2400 miles.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Feb. 6--We were having nice warm weather, until yesterday it was quite cool and a strong wind. This morn. it was in the 50's. On Sunday we had a much needed 4/10 in. of rain.

Tourists are still coming in. Vernon Bontragers of Ind. arrived last week and are staying at Pete Yoders'.

Sam and RoseMary Coblentz of Ky. came on Fri. for a week's vacation. They are staying with his grandparents, Sam Weavers.

Melvin Yoders had a huge garage sale for 3 days last week. Two of their daus. and some of the grandchildren came from Ga. for the occasion.

The Iowa reunion was held on Sat. at Palm Grove. This Sat. is to be the Budget scribe gathering at the Tourist fellowship hall.

The Gospel Express chicken barbecue will also be held on Sat. at the Pinecraft park.

Mon. supper guests in the writer's home were Sam and Rose Mary Coblentz of Ky. Eugene Miller and Virgil Borntrager of Iowa also stopped in for a short visit.

Tue. morn. Annabelle Hochstetler of Ind., Miriam and Joyce Graber, Jeanie Yoder and the writer enjoyed a time of fellowship at Der Dutchman Restaurant.

Mattie L. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Feb. 13--Meetings this week at Tourist church are conducted by Crist Deiner.

Feb. 4th dinner guests at Mary Garber's were Mark, Bertha, Ruth Ann Garber and Erma Schlabach of Ind., Joni Millers, Mrs. Elizabeth and William Garber. Her after church snackers in the evening were the named above, Edwin Millers and family and Emanuel Millers.

Ruth Ann Garber left on Fri. for Ind. and Mark Garbers plan to leave this week. Also Erma Schlabach goes home with them.

The barbecue chicken dinner at the park was a sellout on the 10th. Also featured Nelson Coblenz and family, the Swartzes, Chuck Wagon Gang from Tenn. and others.

Lloyd Troyers were recently on a tour in Europe. They visited many countries and he even brought back a piece of the Berlin Wall. He said things aren't as peaceful there as they'd like the U.S.A. to think.

Sat. Ed Ottos had dinner and afternoon visiting with friends from Ind. who are staying in Bradenton.

Amos Fishers and family and Ruben Fisher arrived on Fri. from Pa. for a few weeks, doing remodeling on their house on Estrada.

Sun. dinner guests at Emanuel Millers' were Erma Schlabachs, Elizabeth, Mary, William, Mark and Bertha Garber and Ed Millers and family.

Ray Mast, Bertha Swartzentruber, Elizabeth Mott, Anna Hostetler, Elizabeth and Fannie Miller returned from their 3-day cruise on Sun. to the Bahamas.

Tomorrow the following are coming on Amtrak from Geauga Co., Oh.: Erwin D.C. Millers, Mrs. Emma Erb, Mrs. Melvin Miller, Rudy Millers and Mrs. Sarah Miller. Mrs. E. T.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Gardenia St.

Feb. 12--Pinecraft was refreshed by the last 2 weekends rains, an accumulation of 1.5 in. which gives the lawns and trees a new look.

Neighbor Howard Millers returned from Hartville, Ohio from her mother's funeral.

The 100 ft. gap on Gardenia has two new houses since Christmas.

Sat. was a big day at the park as the Gospel Express Team had their annual chicken barbecue. A new attraction was Geraldine and her puppet Rickie. Also the chuck wagon group, which was formerly the Carter family.

Company here from Daviess Co. this week was son Dan, grandson Joshua, and nephews Jerome Graber and Ben Jr. Whittmer. They had attended a national Frame Builder's Convention at Hilton Head, South Carolina, flying via Graber Post company's plane.

S.J. Graber

BLOUNTSTOWN, FL

Feb. 12--A nice Feb. morning, up to 60° at 9:00 a.m. We had a good rain on Sat.

Our church was quite well filled yesterday morning and evening as a group from Rosedale Bible Institute came here at term break. There were 12 in the group, five of our own young people and seven friends whom they brought along. They had part in the program last evening.

Ivan Nissleys went to Ministers' Meeting at Kalona, Iowa.

Miriam Webster, our granddaughter, is also here from Auburn, Ala. for a few days.

Myron Schrock was home this weekend. He is in dental school at Gainesville, Fla.

Arlin Schrock and family, Myron's bro., moved to Atmore, Ala. to make that their home. He will be engaged in the "We Care" program. That leaves Glennys Schrock all alone for the first time since Oscar died last spring. Terry Bange is helping along in the upholstery shop.

Last Wed. Ben Yoders took their dau. Melody to Gainesville, Fla., then on Thurs. they gave her a heart catheterization. She is now 15 or 16 and has been to the hospital a number of times in her lifetime as she was born with a heart defect. As of now, they have not decided what the next move will be. She is a very pleasant and cheerful girl.

We planted a few more garden things on Fri. Then Sat. it rained. Our earlier garden is up already.

Carl and Rose Eby have guests this week. Rose's mother, Mary Yutzy, and her sister, Sheila Campbell and baby son, came along down with some of the Rosedale students to surprise Rose. They are from Plain City, Ohio.

Perry and Savilla Yoder and Monroe and Naomi Yoder were in St. Petersburg, Fla., this weekend for special meetings.

Emanuel and Mabel Schlabach are expected home today. They spent several weeks in Calif. with their dau. and family, the Wayne Sommers, who have a new baby dau. The Schlabachs were traveling by Amtrak.

Edward J. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

Feb. 16--The (F.B.S.B.) Florida Budget Scribe Breakfast fell flat on it's face. I don't know when I was more (almost said disgusted) "beat out" than I was at this happening. Being responsible for the meeting; a restaurant was sought out with a nice banquet room large enough for around 40 people. I had checked with them 7 weeks earlier and was told everything would be fine. They took my name and phone number and wrote down what the meeting was for. A week before the scheduled meeting I went in to see that everything was in order yet. The lady in charge of such arrangements came and we went over our plans, which called for a 45-min. meeting and then served breakfast. She indicated that she didn't foresee any problem with our request. But she said she had to check with the owner to be sure. The answer she came back with was a flat, "No." They couldn't tie up the banquet room because their business has increased since the time the arrangements were made. Pleading and begging and explaining my predicament did not change matters one iota. I left without speaking to the one who was to have turned us down. That night while in bed and sleep wouldn't come easy, I was inspired to write a poem entitled, "When Things Don't Go My Way."

As you probably read elsewhere, we did have a meeting on the scheduled date and time in the back room of the Tourist Menn. Church. The 35 present enjoyed a good time of fellowship and sharing, but without breakfast.

No, that was not me that attempted to bake a custard pie a while back. I just wanted to protect the man from any more embarrassment than what he already encountered. Had I any idea that this thing could boomerang and I would be blamed for it, I would have stated that the man works in a Venice restaurant and his job is to help bake pies. I guess the next time I'll just mention names.

Two couples, Amos Eapps and Crist Kings from Lanc. Co., Pa. spent two weeks visiting Phares Fishers and others here in Pinecraft. They left Tues. a week ago by train out of Tampa. Everything went well for everyone on their return trip but for Amos. Not long after leaving Tampa one of his eyes started to give him some trouble. His vision was hindered by a blurring effect. Thinking he might have something in his eye, he took off his glasses and had the others look to see if they could see any foreign objects. The wife thought the one eye may be a little smaller than the other. He did endure the uncomfortable situation till they got to Philly where they stopped to see an eye doctor. After a brief examination he diagnosed the problem as shynelens-fromaframe syndrome. And now Amos accuses the other 3 of being stupid when they sat in front of him at the table and he had his glasses on. And they argued back and say he should have seen what was wrong.

I believe most people of the Menn. and Amish community of this part of Fla. would agree that Feb. is activity month; C.P.S. reunion, Ill. reunion, Ind. reunion, Ia. reunion. This Sat. (24th) is the reunion, quilt show, barbecue at Pinecraft Park, Gospel Express, Inspirations, Chuck Wagon Gang, Mountain Anthems and other singing groups. Then there is always the 2 weeks of Bible conference-revival meetings at the Tourist Menn. Church. "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit", is being taught this week by Wm. McGrath and Christian Diener from Pa. Both speakers are drawing good crowds. There are folks who come here just for these meetings.

Attendance at Tourist on Sun. morning was 335. Norman Schlabach taught the Sun. school lesson, Christian Deiner the opening and Atlee Barkman from Oh. delivered the message. The auditorium was filled in the evening.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you a man who is one month away from his 91st birthday. Amos Stoll is from Daviess Co., Ind. and has been spending the last 2 weeks here in Pinecraft. Each morning and evening you can find him at the meetings on the second pew from the front and is taking in the message as a sponge takes in water. In my time I have met him at different times. He had a bro. Gid living in our neighborhood in Hartville and this may be the reason for coming to Hartville occasionally. Born to Victor and Emma (Graber) Stoll, he was one of 13 (4 girls and 9 boys) of which 12 grew to adulthood. In the year 1918 the flu epidemic visited the family and they all had it except the father. The mother was pregnant and when she became ill with the flu she cried because she was sure it would cost her her life and it did. All the children survived. I was told it took all the women that were that way in that neighborhood. My wife's father Gideon Mullet, died 3 days later in Ohio from the flu.

On Feb. 13, 1919 Amos and Fannie Richer were married. Six children were born to this union and she passed away Nov. 20, 1986. Amos was ordained to the ministry in 1929 in the Amish church. I remember hearing him preach in the barn at Menno Coblentzes' when I was a teenager. From 1950-1955 the family lived in N. Adams, Michigan. Amos and his widowed sis., Mrs. Lizzie Graber came to Pinecraft with their youngest bro. Elmo. Another sis. Sarah who is the wife of Amos Martin are winter residents here. Noah Gingerich

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Estrada Street

Feb. 16--We are all enjoying this sunny and warm weather. The temp. is 86° today!

Last Sat. was *The Budget* scribes get-together at the Tourist Menn. Church with 20 attending.

Abe W. Schlabach, Rosanna Schlabach, Mattie Miller, Amanda Shetler, Esther Coblentz, Mary and Betty, all from Oh., Edna Miller from Ind. were supper guests with Andy J. Mulletts and dau. Wanda.

Some of the Pinecraft girls had a covered dish dinner at the Amish church house on Sun., Feb. 11. There were 51 present, plus 2 married couples and 2 widow ladies.

Mon. evening, Feb. 12 guests with Mattie Miller were Lydia Ann Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Mattie and Anna Miller, Ella Stutzman, Drusilla Miller, Ella Hershberger, Edna Mae Miller, Ella Hochstetler, all from Oh. and Elsie Miller from Pinecraft, Fla., all these Ohio girls, plus Lydiann and Effie Troyer and Iva Miller, also from Oh., were on a cruise to the Bahamas and spent a few days here at Pinecraft, Fla. visiting friends and relatives. They have plans to be back home again this weekend.

Thurs., Feb. 15, supper guests with Ruth Miller were Christ C. Miller Jrs., Jonas A. Troyer, Wilma Miller, Ruby and Cindy H. Beachy, Mattie Miller and Susan Miller. Evening guests were Henry C. Beachys from Oh.

Eli A. Millers, Andy E. Yoders, Aden M. A. Millers, Emma A. Yoder, Dan H. Rabers, Christ C. Miller Jrs., all from Oh. and some others arrived yest. here at Pinecraft, Fla. with Pioneer Trails bus. Ruby and Cindy H. Beachy from Oh. have plans to leave tonight with the bus to go back north again, after 3 weeks vacation here at Pinecraft.

Mattie Miller

Sarasota, Florida

In loving memory of dear dad, Eli M. Mast, who passed away Oct. 15, 1989, age 69.

Four months have passed,
Since we saw you last.
But we trust it was God's will,
For His ways are all ways the best.

The pain of parting was sharp and deep,
Only those who have lost can tell;
Of grief that borne in silence,
To part with one we loved so will.

So we wipe falling teardrops,
Ponder on memories so sweet;
We no longer think of parting,
But instead when we shall meet.

Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many tears,
God only knows how much we miss you,
At the end of four months.

Gone, but not forgotten.

-Sadly missed by a Daughter,
Ada Mast

In loving memory of Milo Schwartz,
born July 21, 1919; passed away very
suddenly and unexpectedly Feb. 26,
1989.

The Absent One

As we gather round the table,
And watch each smiling face;
The hearts fill with emotion;
To see the vacant place.
We may strive to hide our longing,
In the midst of mirth and fun;
But we're thinking, thinking, thinking,
Of the loved, the absent one.

When we gather round the fireside,
With merry laugh and jest;
How we wish the dear absent one,
Was here with all the rest.
Still we join in all the frolic,
But we wish the day was done;
For we're thinking, thinking, thinking,
Of the loved, the absent one.

Yet when the day is over
And they all have gone to rest;
We feel our heavenly Father,
Does all things for the best.
So we cheer our drooping spirits,
With the rising of the sun;
But, we're thinking, thinking, thinking,
Of the loved, the absent one.

-Greatly missed by the Family,
the Church and the Community.
The Lonely Companion, Children
and Grandchildren

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Feb. 16--Abe and Vesta Miller, Greentown, Ind., visited me. They're here for the winter. Vesta is my bro. Andy's dau.

Levi Schlabach passed away Wed. morn. Funeral to be Sat. in Amish church. Interment in Sunnyside grave yard.

Min. Chester Millers are in Pine Craft this week from Goshen, Ind.

Stanley Eash just across the corner from me sold his home on auction today, at \$67,000. The buyer is John Beiler. Stanleys will move to Pa. I hate to see them go.

Ben Schlabach and his bro. from Mich. were here this week. They are brothers to Levi who died. They left for home by bus the same morn. Levi died. Levi had been in the hospital. Levis and their daughter became members here a few months ago.

The school sale will be held Sat. the 17th.

The Ohio reunion is to be held Sat. the 24th in Palm Grove fellowship hall, a carry-in.

The Pioneer bus left Fri. eve. at 6 with only 22 passengers. Evidently we still have plenty of snow birds left.

Menno Swartzentruber

DADE CITY, FLORIDA

Sunnyside Mission Outreach

Feb. 5--Temp. at 47°. Fog has lifted so the nights and mornings are cooler again.

Since the 3rd of this month, we have a minister-leader here in Dade City for us. It is David & Pattie Sommers and 5 children, Sharla Philip, Judith, Bryan & Aaron. They're from Sarasota, Sunnyside Fellowship. Their new address is: 38625 Centennial Rd., Dade City, Fl. 33525 and phone is (904) 567-2612.

Belated news: Roy and Anna Mary Huber have another little one since Oct. 30, 1989. She goes by the name Lillie Bell Huber. This makes 7 children for them.

James and Nathan Wengerd made it safely back from Maranatha Bible School, even after being stranded when your pockets are empty. The service man did a free repair job after he found out that these boys practice what they believe and aren't another Jimmy Baker fad.

Many of you have heard of the big freeze we had here in Florida right before Christmas. Some orange groves and truck patches were frozen out, but others pulled through as those trees are just now starting to bud. So if we don't get another freeze in Feb. we should still have some oranges come fall again.

Last Sun., the 28th of Jan., the group from here went to Sunnyside in Sarasota for services, as they had a farewell in honor of David & Pattie Sommers & family, also Steve & Debra Miller who were on Choice Books service here the past year. Bill & Ruth Yoder from Arthur, Ill. came to take their place for this next year.

Loyal Stutzman & Ernie Kropf made it back home again last weekend after a lengthy stay in Oregon helping Loyal's uncle customize vans. Ernie Kropf is from Oregon. He came along for the traveling. If all works well, he'll stay until June.

This past Sun. we had a house full again at church, Min. Perry & Susan Miller (he brought us the message), David & Mable Stoltzfus & family, Marion and Anthony Helmuth, Rhoda Gingrich, Sara Joy & Julia Byler, all from Sarasota, Fl., Mr. & Mrs. Bergy from Brooksville, Fl., also Martha Stutzman's parents and an aunt from Oregon. I failed to get their names. All were here for services and stayed afterwards for our fellowship dinner except the Bergys. It was a welcome in honor of David and Pattie Sommers and family.

David, Erma and Melva Baker

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

Feb. 14--The week of Feb. 5 Bible conferences were held at the Tourist Church at Pinecraft. The week of Feb. 11th Revival Meetings by Christian Diener in evenings and William McGrath.

We are still having full house at Sunnyside on Sundays.

Sat. night we had a good shower of rain from 1 to 2 inches. Grass is starting to green and the mulberries are growing. Azaleas are blooming. Live and Gnarled oak leaves are dropping. Christmas Poinsettia are frozen to the ground.

Some of our Papaya trees will sprout out from the trunk. We have about 50 seedlings in pots ready to plant out. Also 100 Summer Poinsettia seedlings in pots.

There are still numerous tourists about. One man reported he saw a man's feet sticking out of a house window. It turned out that he had forgotten his house key and went in the window head first to retrieve it.

Mrs. Menno Miller "Verne" is recuperating nicely from hip surgery, at Dave Stoltzfus. She had the ball and socket replaced.

Reports on the whiting and silver trout catches on the Gulf of Mexico are about enough to get our blood pressure up. But not many speckled trout. They must wait until Al Helmuth gets over his gout and goes wading.

This winter I have met numerous Budget readers that look to me for fishing reports. I have quit fishing as I am getting old and feeble and Mary's health does not permit at this time. I am tempted to go stirring for snook nights like we used to, but I am too lazy.

On the Gulf, they use heavy weights and a couple hooks and bait with shrimp, cut mullet or squid. Drop the line to bottom and give it short jerks and the fish grab it.

The Animal Control Center says Sarasota Co. cats must wear collar and tags to prove that they are vaccinated against rabies. So I presume there are stray cats about that do not have it. You should report them and have them removed. The tags are available at veterinarians.

Mose and Mary

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Feb. 13--We were blessed with about 3 inches of rain on Sat. night. The water level was low so the rain was appreciated.

Church services last Sunday, Feb. 4 were conducted by Bish. Sam D. Yoder, opening, scripture read by Pre. Joe Coblenz and main part by Pre. Sam Weaver. Yesterday opening was by Sam Weaver, scripture read by Pre. Willis Yoder and main part by Pre. Henry C. Beachy, an overflowing crowd and quite a few outside. A singing was held at the Amish Church in eve.

On Sat. morn. we had our annual Budget scribe meeting in the back part of the Tourist Church with 20 scribes present. Noah Gingerich was moderator.

Ohio tourists that came here recently were Levi L. Hershbergers, Eli A. Weavers, Mrs. Ella Weaver, Mrs. Dan J. Borntrager, Pre. Henry Beachys, Lloyd Millers, Lester Mulletts, Jacob M. Miller and a few days from the Sugarcreek area.

Recent visitors at our house were Amos S. Kaufman, Bob and Betty Miller, Crist P. Millers, Dan and Martha Schwartz, Pre. Daniel and Mattie Troyer, Mrs. Esther Miller, Oregon, Alvin D. Klines, Joni Millers, Ray and Linda Miller, Ruby and Miriam Beachy, Dan S. Hershbergers, Floyd and Mary Ellen Miller, Okla., Mrs. Fannie Keim, Mrs. Mary Ann Weaver, Mrs. Katie Mast, Mrs. Emma Kurtz, Mrs. Sara Hershberger, Bish. Yost Millers, Bish. Sam D. Yoders, Mrs. Marvin Troyer, Mrs. Dan J. Borntrager, Mrs. Eli A. Weaver, Pre. Henry C. Beachy and 2 girls, Wyman and Mary Schlabach, Lydia King, Annie Stoltzfus, Mrs. Marvin (Amanda) Troyer, Twila and Cindy Beachy, Mrs. Lizzie Ann Yoder and Enos Kauffmans.

Some Ohio girls arrived here on Sat. p.m. after taking a boat tour of the Bahama Islands. They left Miami on Feb. 5th. It was a Christian tour. Those on the tour were Lydian Miller, Mattie and Anna Miller, Lydian and Effie Troyer, Ella Stutzman, Elizabeth Miller, Ella Hershberger, Iva Miller, Ella Hochstetler, Drusilla Miller and Edna Mae Miller.

Mrs. Katy Mast and the writer and wife were Fri. eve. supper guests with John Chitticks, Pa. friends that live back of Mose Katy's house. Atlee E. Miller

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Feb. 20--Very warm the last few weeks. Forecast is for rain which would be appreciated.

Recent visitors at our house were Lydia King, Anna Stoltzfus, both from Pa., Enos Kaufmans from Ind., Pre. Henry Beachys, Eli A. Millers, Andy E. Yoders, Crist A. Millers, Raymond E. Millers, Wyman Schlabachs, Noah Gingeriches, Dan J.C. Schlabachs, and Crist Miller Jrs., all from Ohio.

An overflowing crowd at the Amish church again on Sunday. Pre. Henry Beachy had opening. Dea. Crist Bontrager of Ind. read scripture and Pre. Chester Miller of Ind. had main sermon.

Recent tourists from Ohio were Crist Miller Jrs., Andy E. Yoders, Eli A. Millers, Aden A. Millers, Dan J.C. Schlabachs, Lloyd Millers, Melvin D. Hershbergers and Noah J. Beachys.

Raymond E. Millers were Monday eve. supper guests at the writers' place.

Yesterday one of my longtime friends, Lynn Fry from Sycamore, Ohio took me along out to Walton's Ranch about 32 miles east of Pinecraft and about 3 miles off St. Rt. 72, a large ranch where Jim Walton owns a large herd of beef cattle. We saw quite a few wild hogs, a few sows with pigs, a lot of sandhill cranes (a beautiful bird that stands about 3 feet high), a lot of other birds but couldn't spot any bald eagles, which are frequently seen. Rattlesnakes are also out there, but didn't see any. On our way home we saw a big alligator out on Myakka River. We estimate its length at least 11 ft.

Two properties were sold at auction last Fri. along Fry St. The buyers were both from Lancaster, Pa., both Amish. Seems the Lancaster people are loaded with greenbacks.

Aaron Millers, also from Pa. who own a house on Bimini St., left for home yesterday. Aaron had an accident the other week and had not been feeling well ever since.

Thot: A good marriage requires a determination to be married for good.

Atlee E. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Feb. 19--Beautiful Fla. weather with temps. in the middle 80's.

Grace Miller (Elis) of Spencer, Wis. was favored with having a few of her sisters and one brother and his special friend come to spend a few days with their grandparents, Noah and Fannie Miller, and left for home again by air. Grace went along home. Noahs are expecting their son John and wife from Hadley, Pa. any day.

Cousin Clarence Schrock left for their home in Milroy, Ind. last week. We're expecting my niece Irene Schrock of Kalona, Ia. any day, coming back from being in Haiti for a week with a group of Ia. young folks.

My husband's 2 step brothers, Neal, Napp., Ind. and Ben Slaubaugh of Fairview, Mich. came to visit their sick brother Levi, who later passed on to his reward, being in the hospital 4 days. His funeral was Sat. p.m. and buried at the Sunnyside Church graveyard.

My nephew's wife Sherri Schrock of Tx., her sister Sue Etta Miller of Ok. and their mother Mrs. Paul Miller, also of Paris, Tx., spent a few days here with Mrs. Miller's parents, Jonas Yoders.

Dave Miller and dau. Mary had gone to Kalona, Ia. for the funeral of Mrs. George Ropp.

Two houses were sold in Pinecraft again, Clayton Zimmerman and Stanley Eash, being bought by a Fisher (the Zimmerman property).

Noah Brennemans got back from Meyersdale, Pa., being at the funeral of her dad, Pete Yoder.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

Feb. 20--Who is right? Who is wrong? Subject: snakes. Sounds interesting doesn't it? Last week I got a nice letter from a (non-Amish/Menn.) lady from the Buckeye state who has been a Budget reader for several years. Along with the letter was a paragraph clipped from a Tennessee Budget piece that read, "One family was splitting wood. When splitting a hollow log they got into a snake nest. There were 11 eggs in the log. The school children were called to the scene for a little science class. Some eggs were cut open to see what kind of snakes they were, and found them copperheads ready to hatch." At the bottom of the letter the lady writes "Copperheads don't lay eggs--they have live young. Tennessee man wrong." I am convinced which one is right and which one is wrong but I'm going to leave these questions for the school children to answer. Maybe I should include the teachers too. I'll be anxious to hear from you. My address is: 3445 Birky St., Sarasota, Fl. 34237. I'll report back later.

In the same letter she asks a question that I'm not going to answer here because I believe it would be about as dangerous as sorting a cage full of what we were just talking about. She writes, "Please tell me why I read in Pa., Ky., Tenn. items of raising tobacco, it being a sinful crop. Is this really a cash crop for Amish and Mennonite families"? The letter ends with still another question. "What is a common menu of an Amish wedding"? And then adds, besides bread crusts. "I think I can answer this one with two words, "The Works."

And while we are on sort of a nature study I have a question about the behavior of a certain bird. I first saw him was early in the morning and everything was quiet. There was this sound of a telephone ringing. It would stop and then start again. Listening closely I finally saw where it was coming from. High up a light pole there is a transformer about the size of a ten-gallon milk can, probably made of metal or fiberglass. Perched on top of this thing sat what I suppose was a woodpecker and he was looking out over Pinecraft. Whenever the head went down, the sound went up. Just like a telephone. Just what is he trying to prove is what "bugs" me. Does he know there is "juice" on the inside of this transformer and he is drilling for it? Does he think this is a drum and he's taking music lessons? What do you think, you bird watchers out there?

Attendance at the Tourist Mennonite Church Sunday morning was 352. Earl Hartman taught the S.S. lesson, opening by Simeon Heatwole from Dayton, Va. and a sermon by Wm. Yoder, Oden, Ind. In the evening Christian Deiner brought the week of revival services to a close.

Our Ohio neighbors, Dan L. and Keturah Miller, are visiting in Pinecraft at present. They brought with them two things we'd like to mention here. The one was a box with an animal on the inside and it rode on top of the car roof. It was left off here in the south somewhere when the new owner met them along I-75. The other thing was a secret to be kept from the ears of N.G., a Sarasota Budget scribe. I wouldn't for anything reveal what was in that box. When I was a boy at home yet I caught one such animal in a trap one morning and after arriving at school my teacher sent me home for smelling like the animal.

Dan and Ella Beachy from our home community and church in Ohio are vacationing here in Pinecraft at present. They are staying in Nelson Millers apartment on Birky Street. Nelson S. Millers left for Ohio to attend the funeral of Jake Schlabach of Mt. Hope.

"Dakota" Levi is my aged friend I want you to meet. Of all the 90 and plus people I've been writing about, Levi D. Bontrager beats them all for years. Born in LaGrange Co., Indiana Sept. 18, 1891 tells me he is 98½ yrs. old. Levi was the 3rd of 9 children (3 girls-6 boys) of Dan and Lovina (Mast) Bontrager. All have passed on but two sisters and he. In 1913 Levi went to Mylo, N. Dakota to join his brother John who had gone there a year earlier. The two and another hired hand worked for a man that farmed 1280 acres and this was all done with horses. With their driving horses there was a total of 40 horses on the place. John had only one arm and I was told he could get his 6 horses brushed and curry-combed and harnessed just about as fast as the others.

In 1915 he married a girl from there by the name of Elizabeth Graber. They were blessed with 1 son and 6 daughters. One daughter died in infancy and another at age 21. Farming was their occupation and many stories he recalls of their 22 years of living in N. Dakota. Their son Alvin was walking home from school one evening and he had such pain at times that he had to lay down along the ditch. When treatment for stomach-ache failed he was taken to the doctor who diagnosed it as appendicitis, and was taken to the hospital for surgery. Their daughter Mary had just returned from the hospital for a similar operation. During the depression Levi sold wheat for 23¢ per bu. He remembers one winter when it was 55 degrees below zero for one whole week.

In 1937 they made plans to move to Indiana. On the day they loaded the boxcar the temperature was 40 below. Levi still says the best thing about N. Dakota is that he got his companion

there. Four years later Levi went back up to Mylo with his brother-in-law, Noah Gingerich. When 8 or 10 miles from their destination they collided with a truck that was coming towards them. Noah was killed instantly and Levi went through the windshield. His face was cut badly and he was unconscious for quite some time. He still carries a scar on his upper lip from this accident.

In 1940 he and his wife bought a property here on Clarinda St. The 50 x 130 lot with an older house was purchased for \$1000. Last summer the house was torn down and a new one was built last summer. Levi's wife died in 1978 and in the winter he stays with Ezra and Gladys Gingerich and in the summer with Laban and Agnes Hostetler, Millersburg, Ind. The spouses are his daughters. Noah Gingerich

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA**Estrada Street**

Feb. 23--We received a good shower of rain last night, also an all-day rain today.

Virgil Bontrager from Iowa, Ernest Yoder from Ind., Crist C. Miller Jrs., Roy H. Mast, Jonas A. Troyer, Leroy J. Stutzman, Eldon Weaver, Susanna Otto, Mary and Betty Miller, Emma Yoder, Mattie Miller, Ruth Ann Miller and Edna Miller were Sunday, Feb. 18 supper guests with Abe W. Schlabach and dau. Rosanna, Amanda Shetler and Esther Coblenz. Evening guest was Eugene Miller from Iowa.

Tuesday, Feb. 20 supper guests with Mattie D. Miller were Roman J. Millers, Crist C. Miller Jrs., Dan J. Millers, Rueben and Freeman M. Mast, Wilma Miller, Emma Yoder, all from Ohio, Edna Miller from Ind., Alvin M. Millers, Jonas A. Troyer and Ruth Miller from Pinecraft, Fl.

Dan and Keturah Miller from Uniontown, Ohio are spending a week's vacation with her mother, Mrs. Susanna Gerber. Crist C. Miller Jrs. are also spending a week's vacation with their daughter Ruth Miller.

Ben and Naomi Peight from Pa. are spending a few weeks' vacation with her parents, Noah Brennamans. While they were here they received the sad news of her grandfather's death. So they left again with the Brennaman family for the funeral and arrived back again in Fla. last week.

Esther and Ada J. Yoder from Sugar-creek, Ohio arrived yesterday with the Pioneer Trails bus and have plans to spend a few weeks' vacation with friends here. Henry A. Millers and dau. Betz from Ohio are spending a few weeks' vacation with their daughters Mary and Esta Miller.

Mattie Miller

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Feb. 20--We have been enjoying beautiful sunny warm weather with temp. in the 80's.

Mrs. Dan Beachy Martha is home again in the hospital, but has to be on oxygen all the time.

Our neighbors, the Micheal Hornings of Pa. arrived in Pinecraft on Thurs.

Roman I. Yoder left on Fri. for Ohio after receiving word that his dau. passed away suddenly.

On Sat. funeral services were held at the Amish church for Levi Schlabach of Mich. Burial was at the Sunnyside Cemetery.

Sunday dinner guests of Marilyn Yoder were Marietta Yoder of Mich., Sharon and Richard Miller of Martinsburg, Ohio, Eugene Miller of Iowa and the writer.

Dave Miller and Mary returned Sunday eve. from Iowa where they had attended the funeral of Mrs. Geo. Ropp.

John Chupps of Napp. arrived in Pinecraft on Mon. for a few weeks vacation.

Mattie L. Miller

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

Feb. 19--This is a pretty nice morning at 53°. We had 1" rain last night.

We have our potatoes, peas, some radishes and turnips, onions and a few broccoli and cauliflower planted, and most of the things are up.

We got word that Perry Showalter, Wilma Lee's father, is worse again and they are planning to have surgery soon. Her mother is losing out slowly. They live at Waynesboro, Va.

Paul Smith and wife and dau. were to Birmingham, Ala., Sat., returning yest.

Our granddau. Rhoda Bontrager, dau. of Jonas Ray Bontrager and Darrell Kennel of Ill., announced their engagement yest. Plans are for a June wedding. Rhoda is teaching in the Arthur, Ill. area.

Ivan Nissleys returned from ministers' meeting at Kalona, Ia.

There was a commissioning service last evening for Richard and Kathy Mast. They will be going to Bethel Camp at Rowdy, Ky.

Edward J. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Feb. 25--We have a cool front after our rainy day Fri. This p.m. was the viewing of Mamie, wife of Roman Schlabach, at the Mahlon Yoder home. Funeral tomorrow at the Tourist Church at 2 o'clock by Amos Horst. Burial at Sunnyside Cemetery. She would have been 89 years old on Sat.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mott is in Doctors Hospital again for the last couple of weeks. She seems improved now. Her visitors this p.m. were Elizabeth and Mary Garber and Ella Troyer.

Today was the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Willis and Verna Yoder, at the Tourist Church. Their dau. and husband of Ind. are here to help them celebrate.

Mrs. Anna Hochstetler of Ind. who had been visiting her cousin Ella Keim the past 2 weeks, left on the Pioneer Bus Fri. eve. for home.

Today's dinner guests at John Planks' were Sam Overholts, Ed Ottos, Mrs. Lizzie Miller and dau., Mrs. Ruby Yoder of Ill.

Daniel Rabers and Mrs. MaryAnn Miller of Ohio are visiting their sister, Mrs. Dan Stutzman.

This coming Fri. eve. will be the auction at Lula Gingeriches' to see her household furnishings and she'll be making her home with her nephew, the Jerry Yoders of Mich.

Rudy Miller and Mrs. Sarah Miller of Middlefield, Ohio are staying with the Ura Gingeriches, all 3 ladies are sisters.

Erwin D.C. Millers of Ohio were today dinner guests of Andy D.C. Millers.

David Yoders and Lee Millers of Ind. arrived on Fri. for a couple of weeks' vacation, staying at Estrada Trailer Park.

Fri. eve. Levi and Erma Yoder, Dan Stutzmans, Daniel Rabers, MaryAnn Miller and others helped Lester Hostetlers celebrate his birthday.

E. Troyer

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

Feb. 28--Sunnyside church attendance Feb. 18th was 414 with Raymond Kauffman and Christain Diener preaching. Feb. 25 with Perry Miller and Nelson Beachy in the morning. In the evening Simon Sommers had devotion and our monthly hymnsing. Tonight the Mountain Anthem Singers will be worshipping with us in songs.

We were blessed with 3½ in. rain over the last weekend and this will help the ripening and growth of the mulberries. The azaleas were in full bloom and the rains dropped them. Amarillas are popping up and of course the roses, we have year round. They take special care and I never took time to care for them.

The 50-degree weather brought on some long Johns. There are still many Robins around that don't trust that Yankee weather.

We have been enjoying the visits of so many this winter. Feb. 26 we had a table full of Mary's cousins from Hartville and Pa. on her foster mother's side. Feb. 25th the John and Phillip Overholts family, Mary's step-grandchildren and Simon Sommers. Feb. 23 my nephew and family Ora Millers from Martinsburg, Ohio and many, many more.

Yes, Roman Wagler, Mary remembers John Albright and is happy to meet him. She intends to be at the wedding and we both expect to be able to attend the Budget scribe reunion and the childrens' home reunion is probably Aug. 26. This calls for pretty much from an old man.

Menno Miller "Verna" attended church Sunday and travels with a walker.

Sunnyside has planned to have council meeting services April 11 and communion April 15. Mose & Mary

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Feb. 26--Temp. this morn. at 47° with a brisk east wind, but sun is out nice and bright.

Willis Yoders celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sun. p.m. at an open house at the Tourist Fellowship Hall. Approx. 230 attended. Their only dau., the Orva Schlabachs of Ind., were also here for the occasion.

Mrs. Roman (Maymie) Slabach passed away on Fri. A viewing was held yesterday in the Mahlon Yoder home from 3-5 and again 6-8. The funeral will beheld today at the Tourist Church with burial at Sunnyside.

Stopping in for a short visit Sat. eve. were John and Ellen Chupp of Ind.

Mattie L. Miller

DADE CITY, FLORIDA**Sunnyside Mission Outreach**

March 2--This was another cool weekend. Overnight temp. dropping down to the 40s then to upper 70s or lower 80s during the daytime.

Visitors in church on Sun. were Vernon Yoder and 3 children of northern Ind., Loyal Stutzman, Ernie Kropf and quite a few girls, Bish. Lester and Sarah Ginerich and 3 children (Lester brought us the message), Lester and Sarah Ann Hostetler, all from Sunnyside Fellowship in Sarasota, Fla. We totaled 64 people present.

Loren Stutzman, 20, got his left index finger caught in a saw on Mon. while at work. Surgery and a pin was required to hold the bone and all back together. An overnight stay in the hosp. was required. He'll be laid off of work for a little while. He's the son of Melvin Stutzmans. His address is 4801 River Rd., Dade City, Fla. 33525.

Ken and Luanne Nisley and 2 children, Michael and Loren are here from Kans. to visit her parents, the Melvin Stutzmans. While here Ken is doing some painting for Harlan Slabaugh in Sarasota.

David Baker was laid off work Tues. and Wed. on account of having high fever and sore, aching joints.

David, Erma & Melva Baker

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

With the exception of the Christmas day freeze, the weather this winter in Florida has been very pleasant, although it is very dry.

Can anyone in Budget land give any history of the Amish settlement in Midland County, Michigan which to my knowledge started in the early 1900's and by the late 1920's had about disappeared. There were such names as Kauffman, Miller, Yoder, Troyer, Cross, Bontrager, Short and maybe some others. I think at present there is a small Mennonite Church near Midland.

I had some distant relatives living there during that time and would appreciate if someone could give some history and maybe some reason why this settlement died out.

John Troyer

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Feb. 27--Pinecraft was blessed with an all-day rain last Fri. Some areas reported 3 inches; cooled off over the weekend.

Amish church services were conducted by Pre. Chester Miller, Ind. and the writer. Scripture read by Dea. Noah Wengerd. A singing was held at the Amish church in the eve.

Recent tourists were Dea. Albert Schmuckers, Dea. Noah Wengers, both from Guys Mills, Pa., David J. Yoders of Ind., Dan S. Hershbergers, Allie Schlabachs, Vernon Yoders, David E. Millers, Henry L. Weavers, David A. Troyers, Dan J. Schlabachs, Nelson Yoders, Eli A. Millers, Andy E. Yoders, Eli & Gloria Yoder, Mike Yoders, Aden A. Millers, Ervin Beachys and Nelson Millers, all from Ohio.

On Mon. was the funeral of Mrs. Roman Schlabach of Gardenia St. She had been lingering for a number of years. Services were held at the Tourist Church.

The annual Ohio-Florida reunion was held at the Palm Grove Fellowship Hall on Sat., Feb. 24, with an attendance of about 200. Mose Gingerich, Al Helmuth and the writer were in charge of the meeting. Nelson Miller was scheduled to be on the committee, but he went to Ohio to attend the funeral of Jacob E. Schlabach, so we appointed Al Helmuth to take his place.

Our recent visitors were Crist Miller Jrs., Crist and Salina Stoltzfus, Pa., Nelson J. Miller, Dan S. Hershbergers, Lloyd & Anna Stoltzfus, Pre. Chester Millers, Mrs. Edna Hershberger, Silvia Beachy, Noah Beachy, Andrew & Leah Diener, Joni Millers, Mrs. Gloria (Eli) Yoder, Eli Ottos, Jacob A. Lindesmith, Dea. Noah Wengerd, James A. Miller, Abraham Bontragers, David J. Yoders, Bert Troyers, Will Stutzmans, Harry Hochstetlers, Dan & Keturah Miller, Bish. Eli Burkholder, Bish. Menno Swartzentruber, Eli & Rachel Diener, Roy & Lizzie Stoltzfus, Mrs. Lizzian Yoder, Allie Schlabachs, Ruth Ann Yoder, Elida, Ohio, Henry & Grace Yoder, Ron & Rhoda Bear, Joe Schmuckers, Vernon & Minerva Yoder and Mrs. Allen M. Yoder.

This will be our last letter from Pinecraft for this spring as we will be leaving for home on Fri. eve. with the Pioneer Trails Bus. We will finish our last painting job along Hines St. today.

Atlee E. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

March 1--The one I want to write about this week is Menno Swartzentruber who needs very little introduction. He is a Budget scribe from Pinecraft here and no doubt has given reports of his 92½ years of his life in time past. Born Aug. 30, 1897 to Enos and Elizabeth (Schlabach) Swartzentruber in Holmes Co., Oh. Moved to Geauga Co., Oh., in 1900 and to Bay Minette, Ala. in 1908.

Seemingly, they were without a minister there and when Menno was 19 his parents advised him to go to Dover, Dela. to join church. After being gone for 3 years he returned to Ala. again, but for only 4 months.

The next move was to Thomas, Okla. to work in the harvest. The very first Sun. in the Amish church he saw what was (in his eyes) the prettiest girl he had ever seen. She was Esther Stutzman, one of the table waiters and it wasn't long till they became good friends. Less than a year later on Jan. 20, 1921 Menno and Esther joined hands in matrimony.

That marriage came to a close (60 yr. and 6 mos. later) on Aug. 29, 1981 when she died from burns sustained 2 days earlier. Together they were blessed with 11 children, of which 8 are still living. In 1937 they moved to McMinnville, Ore. and the following year Menno was ordained to the ministry. Then in 1951 was ordained bishop.

In 1961 they came here to Pinecraft to hold communion for the Amish church. While here they bought a home and soon made the move. Menno then served as bishop until 1985 when Eli Burkholder was ordained to that office to take his place. Menno lives by himself on Graber St. and gets around quite well. A walking cane goes wherever he goes to help support his 100-lb. body.

While you folks were having some real unpleasant weather up north last Fri., we had good weather. It rained most of the day. It had started to rain in the night and from 2½ to 3" fell before it cleared off. The rain was needed badly as a shortage of water continues here.

The old wooden bench on the south side of Troyer's store is still being occupied by people waiting for the bus. Men visiting together and catching up on the latest happenings in Pinecraft and the world. And if the bench is full you need to pass with care because there may be a smart-aleck in the bunch. While walking past the other day I threw in a "catchy" question that I had to answer myself. The comment I got was, "you're as sharp as a carpet tack and twice as flat-headed."

The Oh. reunion held at the Palm Grove fellowship hall on Sat. the 24th was attended by around 200 people. Al Helmuth of Plain City, Atlee E. Miller of Trail and Mose Gingerich of Hartville and their wives did a good job in making it an enjoyable time for all. There was a carry-in dinner for the noon meal and let me tell you there was plenty of it.

Attendance at the Tourist Menn. Church on Sun. (Feb. 25) was 338. Fred Hostetler from Benton, Oh. taught the Sun. school lesson. Elmo Stoll had the opening and James Knepp the main sermon. Both men are from Daviess Co., Ind. In the evening Roy Mast from Holmes Co., Oh. had a topic and Simeon Heatwole preached.

On Fri., Feb. 23, just one day from her 89th birthday Maymie Slabach passed away. She is survived by her husband, Roman J. and 3 daus. She had not been well for several years. Funeral services were held Mon. afternoon at the Tourist Menn. Church where she was a member. Burial was at the Sunnyside cemetery.

John and Carolyn Sommers from Mo. spent last weekend here in Fla. visiting her parents, the Alvin Sommers and other relatives and friends. They have a nice family of children of which one son is married. We appreciated their little stopover at our house because to us they are just a little special. In the early '70s they moved from our area in Hartville to Carroll Co., Oh. about the same time we did when the new settlement started there. After about 4 years they moved to Tenn. and later to Mo.

Yest. morning while stopping at a traffic light, a car in the next lane stopped also. I notice his Fla. license plate had no numbers, but JUST MOE on it. I think this was a mistake and should have read, SAM'S MOE instead. Because that's who it was behind the wheel. My first cousin who you'll find in the new Gingerich book and the number is 13-46.

Noah Gingerich

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

March 2--Sun. our church was conducted, with a full house. Chester Miller the opening, Noah Wengerd the scripture, Atlee Miller the main sermon.

In p.m. open house at Tourist Church for Willis and Verna Yoder for their 50th anniversary from 2 to 4.

Supper guests at David Yoders' were Amos Martin and Sarah and Sarah's sister, Mahala Gingerich, Bertha and I, Noah Stutzmans and Fanny Beachy.

My recent visitors were John and Katie Stoltzfus, Amos and Katie Petersheim, Elmer A. Byler, Owen and Esty Hershberger (Esty is my niece), Andy J. and Clara Miller, Levi M. Yoder, Abner E. Schlabach, Nathaniel Schlabach, Joyce Yoder, Lynnette Yoder, both from Meyersdale, Pa., Joe and Malinda Fisher, Samuel and Rebecca E. Esh, Cornelias Buhler, Min. Chester and Treva Miller, Min. Jacob J. Nisley, Eli A. Yoder, Dan Stutzman, Mrs. George Miller, Daniel Rabers, Alva Yoder, Felty and Sarah Hershberger and Bish. Andy and Emma Lapp, Hartville.

The Tourist Church had their council and communion this week. Also at the Tourist Church will be another series of meetings March 9-10-11.

Menno Swartzentruber

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

Feb. 26--We had several showers last week, just enough to make it nice for farmers and gardeners.

The Gospel Express Team came Fri. to Sneads, Fla., about 30 miles north of here.

Fri. evening they were at West Unit, Sat. p.m. and evening at East Unit, Sunday morning they were at our church (Bethel) Sunday evening they were at Calhoun Correctional Inst., about 3 mi. south of Blountstown.

Now this afternoon and night they will be at Chattahoochee, Fla. at a womens' prison, about 6 or 8 miles east of where they were Sat.

The azaleas are starting to bloom now. They are really full of buds.

Yesterday at church we had quite a few visitors, all the Gospel Express Team and the visitors of Sarasota; Raymond Smoker from Chiitley, and two families from Pa. The one couple were Bylers; I did not get the other's name.

Jim Swartzentruber of Mich. is here visiting, having a special interest in Dorcas Bontrager.

Yesterday the young married folks had a farewell dinner at Paul Smicks' for Rich Masts who are planning to leave for Bethel Camp at Rowdy, Kentucky for a time of service.

The sisters had their eighth annual Women's Retreat here at our church on Thursday. Guest speakers were Edith Nissley from Tallahassee, Jean Hershberger from Cuthbert, Ga., Alice Ebersole from Colquitt, Ga. and Hilda Yoder from Meigs, Ga. Sisters from our own congregation who had part were Martha Benedict, Sadie Bissey and Naomi Yoder.

Glennys Schrock left Fri. afternoon to go to Birmingham, Ala. to be with her daughter Lenora and family for 2 weeks.

Edward Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

March 5--Pro. 31:10 "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." I did find such a one here on Clarinda St. last week, and from what I saw, it could also be said of her, Pro. 31:13 "She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands."

When I went to her house, Fannie Byler, who is 96 years old, was sitting on the enclosed front porch. In front of her was her sewing machine and she was busy making something to sell. The wall hangs full of many cloth items that are useful in the kitchen. Last year along she sold \$2300 worth of her pieces.

She did take time to go in the living room for a little visit and tell me a little about her past. Fannie was born in Geauga Co., Ohio Feb. 6, 1894 to Isaac & Veronica (Miller) Byler. The 11th of 13 children, she grew up to womanhood in Geauga and on Dec. 7, 1916 married Harvey D. Byler. Harvey died July 19, 1965 and Fannie has been widowed since that time. Harvey was an ambitious man and was known in Geauga Co. as potato king at one time. One year he planted 55 acres of potatoes and had a good yield and the price was good and they made money. The next year he planted 70 acres and this must have been in the depression, for he sold potatoes in brand new 100 lb. burlap bags at 15¢ per bag. Harvey and Fannie had 3 children, Katie, Clarence and Verna, all born in Ohio.

In 1937 they sold their farm of over 100 acres with a 15-room house for \$8,000 and moved to Norfolk, Va. where Fannie's bro. Joe I. Hershberger and family moved from Geauga to Norfolk in 1922. When Harveys moved the common way of moving was by railroad boxcar. Only one person was allowed to go with the car to take care of any livestock that may be on board. In this case 2 boys who were working for them on the Geauga farm went on. As the saying goes, "A boy is a boy, two boys is half a boy and three boys is no boy at all." This may have made it legal. Anyways it matched the rest of the cargo. 2 Doberman pinscher dogs, 2 mules and 2 boys, Tobe Miller and Eli Chupp.

Fannie lives with her dau. Katie and Melvin L. Yoder from Montezuma, Ga., who spend their winters here. Fannie is an interesting person to visit with and considering she has 96 years back of her, she is doing well.

"Sawed off twice and still too short."

This was more than just an expression at our house the other week. And before you start to point fingers at me I'll say, "May I be excused?" My wife was putting in a quilt for my bro. Mose's wife, Dorothy, and found the long pieces of the frame were too short. So Mose went to the Home Depot (a lumber place) and got two 12 ft. pieces. Since they didn't have 12-footers in stock they cut back two 16's. From there I'm not sure what or how it happened, but I do know when all was finished each rail has a metal plate on them. The quilt measures 108x122.

Day One--Quilt in frame, set up in living room. Living room gone. Now a quilt room. Hubby's lazy-boy pushed in corner. Narrow is the way that leads from the front door to the kitchen. Spouse wants out of house. Have van, will haul. Anywhere, any time. Would consider Alaska.

To you folks who read Atlee E. Miller's pieces from Trail, Ohio but written in Pinecraft, might remember they moved to Birky St. a month ago. He made mention he didn't know how well 2 Budget scribes would get along living so close together. "If things don't go too well you'll probably see it in Noah's piece," he said. I must say we have no complaints and we got along just like two bugs in a rub. They had a one-way ticket back to Trail on Pioneer Trails Fri. eve., March 2nd.

Services at the Tourist Mennonite Church Sun. morn. was attended by 325 for Sunday school. More came later for the preaching service. Mose Yoder (Mich.) taught the S.S. lesson. Eli Raber, Blackville, S.C. had the opening and Harry Neuenschwander from Columbiana, Ohio delivered the message. In the eve. after a time of hymn singing, Eli Raber preached.

Bish. Adam Martin and his wife left yesterday morn. for their home in Maudgansville, Md. They had been here 7 weeks. Adam was in charge of communion services at the Tourist Church back in Feb.

Amos Martin is making a flying trip from Tampa to Toronto, Ont., Can. today to be at the funeral of his sister, Sulinda Bowman, 81. Sulinda from Elmira, Ont. died Sun. morn. from cancer. Then on Fri. he has reservations to return, but flying to St. Pete instead of Tampa.

Thanks so much to whoever left a camera in the back of my van. Was it meant as a gift to me?

Noah Gingerich

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

March 4--Bright sunny days. The roses, petunias and geraniums are extra pretty right now.

Mrs. Roman (Maymie) Schlabach's funeral was held Mon. p.m. Burial at Sunnyside cemetery.

Word came here of the death of Perry Lehman of Ind. and of Mrs. John J. Miller (Anna) of Fairplay, S.C. The Millers used to be longtime residents of Fla. and because of health reasons, needed to be closer to their children.

John & Catherine Miller of Cochran-ton, Pa. have returned home by air, after spending a week here with his parents, Noah & Fannie Miller.

My uncle Phineas Schrock's of Arthur, Ill. spent about 2 weeks here in Pinecraft, coming with Chrissie Helmuths and Mrs. Schrock's bro. Alvins.

Quite a few people will be leaving for their northern homes from now on. The Pioneer Bus was loaded to capacity Fri. eve.

Tues. eve. was a time well spent by hearing the Mountain Anthems of Salisbury, Pa. give messages in songs and a supper sponsored by the World Missionary Press of Paris, Ind.; speaker being Neil McDowel. Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

March 5--Nighttime temps. are still on the cool side with daytime temps. in the mid-upper 70s. Had a welcome little shower on Fri. night. Everything is beginning to look nice and green again after our hard freeze this winter. Mockingbirds and cardinals are singing their merry song.

Visitors here last Thur. a.m. were Mrs. Leroy Ropp of Iowa and Sherman Yoders of N.D. Afternoon visitors were Mrs. Lester B. Miller of Pa. (formerly from Iowa), Mrs. Wm. Chupp of Pa., Mrs. Lizzie Miller, Mrs. Katie Schlabachs and Mrs. Ada Detweiler.

Joe Yoder of Mich. arrived in Pinecraft on Fri. morn. for a few weeks stay. He came to take care of some business matters.

Mrs. Sam Petersheim is still in Ill. with her sick dau. and Sam is getting quite lonesome down here by himself.

Mattie L. Miller

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLA.

Mar. 5--It was 40) this morning, but warming up fast. Garden things are growing fast now.

The river has been up above 17 ft. for the last few weeks. I guess the highest was a little over 21 ft.

The last few years it was the other extreme. It was lower than usual. It was down below zero for quite some time. The board they have the measure on gets to zero before the river goes dry, but the river has to be at about 4 or 5 ft. before the barges can travel. (That is with a load). No problem now.

The azaleas are almost in full bloom. I suppose in another week they will reach their peak.

Elam Stoltzfus' parents, Elmer Stoltzfuses from New York State, are visiting their son & family. The (Elams) live in Tallahassee.

The Claus Haarens (The German family) had some German company. Uta's (Mrs. Claus') mother, Wilma Helmuth, and a brother of Claus, Heeseman Trenzler and Margret Haaren. We did not get to meet them, as we were at Colquitt, Ga. for the 34th anniversary of their church building. Others from here who were at Colquitt yest. were Albin Bylers, Perry Yoders, Sadie Bissey, Glennys Schrock, and David Yoders.

Duane and Pauline Schrock brought his mother back from Birmingham, Ala., Sat. p.m. She had been there with her dau., Lenora, & Steve Longenecker for a week. Duane were visitors in church Sun. Edward J. Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

March 9--Daytime temp. 80 or more.

Those leaving by bus tonight were Roman Rabers, Alvin D. Klines, Abe J. Hershbergers, Ally Schlabachs from Holmes, Andy Lapps, Hartville, Ohio and Joni J. Millers, Maryland.

Some that came this week were Paul A. Millers, Paul J. Millers, Willis Coblentzes, Mrs. Eli A. Miller, Mrs. Jr. Stutzman from Holmes, and Paul S. Keims, Milroy, Ind.

Our visitors March 6 were Alvin J. Klines, Alvin D. Klines, Emanuel E. Millers, Oakland, Md. and Amanda Gingerich.

Wed. we were to the cattle sale in Arcadia. About 900 were sold, about 5 per minute. David E. Miller

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Birky Street

March 12--Four things come not back: Time past, a shot arrow, a spoken word and a neglected opportunity. Have you ever been asked to do something and you refused and later regretted it? We probably all have one time or another. Sometimes we receive blessings by doing things we feel we are not qualified, but do them anyway. This happened to me in March of 1968. A young Mennonite student at Malone College asked me if I would be on a panel discussion at one of their classes. It is always hard for me to turn down someone that asks a favor of me, but in this case, I knew I was not a public speaker. My answer to him was I'd do the best I could. The topic to be discussed was "The Migrant Situation at the Swamp in Hartville".

The reason for being asked was that we lived right among them for 20 years. We saw the very beginning of their coming to the big swamp. There was Gressengers camp, Zellers camp, Grabbers camp, Keyzers Bros. camp, Tope camp, Chapman camp and other smaller ones. None of these were over a mile and a half from our place. Later the "White camp" and the "Red camp" were added to the list. These were our white packing house and our red barn that we remodeled to house the workers that worked for Jerry S. Miller and Sons.

We had given up muck farming and I also worked for Jerry in the summer months. Jerry had between 40 and 50 head of colored people working for him at times. The barn which had as high as 37 (including children) lived there in the summer months. They became our friends and we had very little trouble with them. They showed a lot of respect to us and we never locked our doors when we went away.

Who should surface here in Pinecraft a few weeks ago but the once little Amish boy from Hartville. The 51-year-old, now grown and married man, lives in California and has a good job with Lockheed Aircraft and supervises some 60 people. Many of you Hartville people that can remember back that far will know right away who it is when I tell you that when he was almost 5 years old, he got his hand in a washing machine wringer and his arm was pulled into elbow. It didn't break any bones nor open the skin. His problem was he had some type of blood or something that hindered healing and the lower part of the arm died. As a result of this, the arm had to be amputated above the elbow.

By now you have guessed this fellow as Loren Joseph, the little grandson of Joe Danny Millers, and mother Elizabeth (Miller) Mott. Joe, as he is called, was on a business trip for the company here in the south and stopped in to visit his mother. Elizabeth has since been in Doctors Hospital for several weeks already and her son calls her on the phone every evening. She is doing quite well, and probably is at home by now. She had problems with fluid in her lungs I believe.

"Stink" was the name of the game for a van load of people traveling from Ind. to Pinecraft several weeks ago. A Michigan couple who furnished transportation put two 25-lb. bags of Robin Hood flour under the back seat and put other luggage back of that. Across the line in Indiana they picked up another couple, two widows, 2 grown boys and a little girl. It was 8 o'clock in the eve. and I suppose quite a few soon dozed off to sleep. About midnight one of the women asked the lady beside her if she smelled something unusual. And now the 2 boys on the back seat were smelling something foul that wouldn't go away. When complaining to the driver he said the tires could be hot and kept on driving.

The next morning in Tn. somewhere they stopped for breakfast and everyone went in the restaurant but the driver. He went to the back of the van and when he opened the back doors he knew he was

smelling more than hot tires. It didn't take him too long to find the trouble. When they were loading in Michigan the family cat got in and rode on top of the bags of flour. It not only rode on top but did other things too numerous to mention. When clean-up operations began the cat was the first to go. He was left right there to become a Tennesseeian. The soaked-up flour bags were disposed of in a nearby trash can. The van was then sprayed with air fresheners and deodorants that were on hand. The boys had some Brute spray and that was added. Starting out again the combination of smell killers didn't help too much. The little girl got sick from it and she added another ingredient.

Joe and Ida (Christner) Mast have a bit of history that I wonder if there's anyone in Budget land can duplicate. Joe and Ida from Ky. also have a home here on Birky St. They were married April 8, 1928, which means almost 62 years. Today there are 6 sons and 6 daus., 5 daughters-in-law and 6 sons-in-law; 58 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter since Feb. 13, 1990. There has not been one death in this family of 138 members if I counted right. Olen, the oldest of the sons, never made it to the marriage altar, but he did marry a van a good many years ago. "Oley" is an Amish taxi driver from the city of Charm, Ohio. Joe will be 83 and Ida 82 this year. Both seem to be in pretty good health and are a pleasant couple to have as friends. They have traveled a lot and just last summer drove out to Montana. Joe is a good driver and is contented to just drive a Mercedes.

Noah Gingerich

BLOUNTSTOWN, FL.
 March 19--This is a beautiful spring-
 like weather. We had a good old Sat.
 night. 1.5 inches.
 Last Saturday evening we had a party
 at the home of Lora and Jerry Yoder. They
 at Blount. Some were helping to prepare
 our mother-in-law's home. Some were
 talking. Some were with the Lord and
 the Lord.
 The new home given a shining and
 joyful supper. The night's conversation
 from the table for the celebration of the
 following day.
 Your table is overflowing from the
 heart attack I had the company of Jesus.
 Myra Schrock was at home with
 much to be with me. Myra is a
 small child in Blount.
 John Schrock was also here to help
 his mother with her work. He is an
 upstanding man. That is what makes
 his father a good father and the best
 work.
 This week, the day is 16 to 17 in
 April.
 There are no more of the same but
 they will grow for many years. The
 new year. There are many in the
 area. Edward J. Yoder

BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

March 12--We are having beautiful
 spring-like weather. Sat. at 2:30 p.m. it
 was 85° on our thermometer. There is a
 lot of farming going on now. Plowing,
 discing and planting, etc. Some are
 chopping wheat and rye to put in silos.

Yesterday we took Glennys Schrock
 to see her son Leonard at Chattahoo-
 chee. We can see him 2 hrs.

The azaleas are about at their peak
 now.

Elam and Esther Stoltzfus and son
 were visitors at church yesterday.

Several weeks ago we saw a note in
 the Budget that David Luthy of Alymer,
 Ont., Canada was interested in finding
 the record quilt as far as yards of thread
 was concerned. The one which was the
 record was 850 yards. I have found one
 that beats that. My wife's aunts in
 Waynesboro, Va. made one recently that
 took 920 yds. of thread. The pattern was
 (Farmer's Delight) and was a large quilt
 about 98" x 116". These three sisters are
 Anna, Mary, and Laura Showalter, 1917
 Lyndhurst Rd., Waynesboro, Va.
 22980.

They do a lot of quilting for other
 people and each year make one for the
 relief sale in their area. Last year their
 quilt brought the highest price,
 \$3,600.00. Edward J. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA
 March 19--This, we had a lot of fun
 with many slides at evening. Speaking by
 Dr. Miller, supported by Willie Grooms
 and more by John Ede, and singing in
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 My great mother was Mrs. A. T. Y-
 ers, Raymond and Clara Ede. Both
 being from Blount and Henry Lee Mill-
 back, Chas. Lee, Mrs. Harvey Yoder
 and Madeline Grier, wife of Paul
 Grier, Mrs. Emma Stover, Wil-
 son's wife, Mrs. E. and David King,
 New Holland, Pa. Mrs. A. Ede,
 Holliday, Mo. Dr. and Anne Ede,
 Blount, Pa. John A. Yoder, Hamp-
 tonville, N.C. Susan Johnson, Paul
 Lee, Chas. Linn, Virginia, Anne M.,
 Marie Miller, Raymond, Ind., Anne
 W. Woodman, Woodville, Ind. and
 Levi E. Yoder, Tipton, Mo.
 Mrs. John A. Yoder, Raymond,
 Ohio arrived here for a week. She is
 Oliver Yoder's daughter. They spent the
 day at the beach today.
 The other group is really enjoying a
 good crop, and enjoyed more than the
 house in the last few days. The new
 crop is better.
 The other group is being harvested on
 the north by machinery.
 Mose & Mary

SUNNYSIDE, FLORIDA

Mar. 14--Sunnyside church atten-
 dance was 277 with Ronald Border and
 Wm. McGrath preaching in the morning
 and Jonathan Stoltzfus in the evening.
 Wed. evening Bob Ropp showed slides
 and told of his mission work in Hondu-
 ras.

This is the first morning that I do not
 see any robins about. Last week I heard
 the chuck wills widow calling his mate
 the first for the spring season. This bird
 seems to be a cousin to the whippoorwill.
 I wonder if the bird watchers have ever
 seen a whippoorwill close up? This one
 seems to have a facial expression almost
 like a small monkey.

The mulberries developed from buds
 to a delicious large berry in a month's
 time. The birds are also enjoying them
 and leaving trademarks on cars and on
 clothes on the washline.

Fishermen are reporting poorer
 catches. Waders are getting a few speck-
 led trout, but not worth bragging
 about. Mose & Mary

BLOUNTSTOWN, FL

March 19--This is a beautiful morn., 65° at 8:30. We had a good rain Sat. morn., 2.5 inches.

Levi Sommers is acting as our bishop at this time, so Levi and Jesse Yoder, also of Sarasota, were here helping to restructure our ministry, as our bishop, Oscar Schrock, went to be with the Lord last April.

The men were given a shrimp and catfish supper Tues. night in appreciation from the ladies for the completion of the fellowship hall.

Yours truly is recuperating from the heart attack I had the forepart of January.

Myron Schrock was at home this week to be with his mother. Myron is in dental school in Gainesville.

Arlin Schrock was also here to help his mother with her book work in the upholstery shop. That is pretty difficult for her as Oscar always did the book work.

This morn. the river is up to 17 ft. again.

The rain put an end to our azaleas, but they were pretty for around three weeks this year. Roses are starting to bloom now.

Edward J. Yoder

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

March 16--Sun. we had a full house with some sitting on outside. Opening by Eli Miller, scripture by Willis Coblentz and main by John Esh, and singing in eve.

My recent visitors were Em. A. Yoders, Raymond and Clara Raber, both Baltic, Ohio, Dan and Nancy Leis, Millbank, Ont., Can., Mrs. Harvey Yoder and Magdalena Graber, both of Etna Green, Ind., Mrs. Emma Hostetler, Millersburg, Ohio. Benj. B. and Sarah King, New Holland, Pa., Elmer A. Byler, Holliday, Mo., Em. and Katie Fisher, Bird-in-hand, Pa., John S. Esh, Hamptonville, N.C., Susan Johnson, Plain City, Ohio, Linus Gingerich, Kalona, Ia., Martin Miller, Nappanee, Ind., Amos W. Bontrager, Wolcottville, Ind. and Levi E. Yoder, Topeka, Ind.

Mrs. John A. Troyer, Sugar Creek, Ohio arrived here for a week. She is Elmer Troyer's daughter. They spent the day at the beach today.

The citrus crop is mostly harvested, a good crop, not damaged here from the freeze in Jan. but further North it was. The new crop is started.

The celery crop is being harvested on the muck by machinery.

Menno Swartzentruber

SARASOTA, FLORIDA**Birky Street**

March 20--With April 1st just around the corner, I think back when in our family at home, dad didn't want us to use the name "April Fool". He wasn't against us playing tricks, but to use the name "fool" was not allowed. I don't recall that he used any by-words.

When I was talking to 96-year-old Fannie Byler several weeks ago to get a little of her background, they told me of an April 1st prank many years ago. Harvey D. Byler was potato king in Geauga Co., Ohio back in the 1930s. It took a lot of help on the potato and dairy farm because a lot of it was hand labor. They always had a lot of hired help, which were Amish boys and some from town called hoboes. These all slept upstairs in the home and when spring-time rolled around, they were on hand to help with the farm chores and planting.

One April 1st morning the fellows were out milking and couldn't understand why it stayed dark so long. But before breakfast they found out the clocks were turned forward one hour. They realized a trick had been played on them. This was the shrewd planning of Katie and Clarence, two of the Byler teenagers. And to be sure the fellows wouldn't forget that day, Katie baked tiny little cotton balls in the pancakes. When these fellows discovered these little fluffy lumps in their mouths they removed them with their fingers and put them beside their plates. They didn't say a word for they knew they were tricked twice and so early in the day.

By eve. though there was a reverse situation. The hired men planned together to play one on Katie. One of the men was a young married Amish man who asked Katie if she would help with the milking (by hand) because he had other plans. Ambitious Katie consented. The men got the cows in their stalls, but did a little shifting around before Katie came out. When the milking began they pointed out two for Katie to milk. No problem. But when she sat down with her milk bucket, there was a problem. The cow in that stall was not a cow. She was a "he", and Katie knew what it all meant, April 1st.

Spring break brought son Roy, his wife Arlene, their son David and dau. Charity Ann from Uniontown, Ohio to Pinecraft last Fri. eve., March 16. Roy teaches 29 seventh and eighth graders at Flat Ridge School south of Charm, Ohio. Roy is in his 13th year teaching there. The family attended church services with us at Tourist Mennonite on Sun.

Noah Gingerich

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

March 18--Had a very good soaking rain. Quite a few people will be leaving this week for their northern homes. A few families have arrived with their children, who are having a "spring break" school vacation.

Min. Amos Horst made a trip to Haiti.

Min. Ed. Graber of Napp., Ind. ministered to us Thurs. eve. at Tourist Church, having just returned from Haiti. Ministers Joe Baer, Pa. and Ivan Schrock, Ohio, shared the pulpit today.

Min. Luke Weaver and wife sold their property and car, going back to their northern (Md. or Pa.?) home, because of health reasons. Jonas Stoltzfus (Pa.) bought it, and soon had a sign out again "For Sale".

Levi Yoder, owner of Yoder's Restaurant, is slowly on the mend.

Mrs. Roman I. Yoder

PINECRAFT, FLORIDA

Estrada Street

Mar. 23--We are enjoying the nice warm weather.

Sunday, Mar. 18th dinner guests with Mrs. Susanna Gerber were Dan and Nancy Lies from Canada, Dan and Ida Mae Lehman from Indiana, David and Susanna Hershberger, Elmer and Lydia Bontrager, Mrs. Anna Hochstetler, Sol and Elsie Yoder, Lucinda Frey, Freda Wagler, Rosanna Wagler and the writer.

Monday, Mar. 19 supper guests with Mrs. Susanna Gerber were Mrs. Edith Weirich from Kentucky, Lena Otto from Ill., Mrs. Mattie Chupp, Mrs. Sarah Lapp, Mrs. Sarah E. Bontrager, Mrs. Louise Yoder, Mrs. Alice Hochstetler, Mrs. Mary Hochstetler, Mrs. Magdalena Graber, Mrs. Katie Troyer and Mrs. Lydia Ann Miller.

Wed., Mar. 21 supper guests with Mattie D. Miller were Andy A. Rabers, Andy M. Rabers from Ohio, Jonas A. Troyer and Ruth Ann Miller.

Andy A. and Andy M. Rabers from Ohio are spending a few weeks' vacation in Florida visiting relatives and friends. They arrived last week by Amtrak.

Mrs. John Henry Troyer, Mrs. Mark M. Troyer, Mrs. Larry M. Weaver, Mary and Edna Yoder, Firman W. Yoders, all from Ohio, plus some others have plans to leave tonight with Pioneer Trails Bus for Ohio after spending a week's vacation in Florida.

Mrs. Fannie Bontrager, Ervin Chupps and son, all from Indiana, arrived here in Pinecraft Thurs. evening. They have plans to spend a week's vacation with their mother, Mrs. Mattie Chupp. Also David Bontragers, Mrs. Ida Bontrager, Mrs. Edna Bontrager, also from Ind., came with the same van load.

Mattie Miller

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Baker 11-17
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Barkman 9
Beachy 1-3-5-6-10-12-13-14
15-16-17-19
Bear 17
Beiler 1-3-6-7-11
Benedict 5-19
Bergy 11
Bissey 19-21
Blough 1
Boley 7
Bontrager 1-4-5-6-7-13-14
15-17-19-24-25
Border 23
Borntrager 7-12
Bowman 20
Brennaman 15
Brenneman 13
Buhler 19
Burkholder 1-17-18
Byler 11-19-20-21-24
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Campbell 8
Carter 8
Chittick 12
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Lee 15
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